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Members of the U.S. women's basketball team hug Dawn Staley (5) after defeating Australia 74-63 to win the gold medal Saturday at the Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The team has won 25-straight Olympic tilts.



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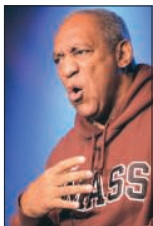


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Ghost fleet: The American Ranger passes over the Monitor-Merrimack Memorial Bridge-Tunnel near Newport News, Va., late Thursday, at the beginning of its journey to Texas for dismantling. The freighter was built in 1965 and is the second ship to leave the ghost fleet for Texas this summer.

States

Killer bees: A swarm of bees that attacked a work crew in Oklahoma City earlier this month may be of the Africanized variety, which would mark the furthest north the so-called "killer" bees have traveled in the United States, scientists said.

DNA tests show the bees have Africanized traits, said Russell Wright, head of the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University.

Wright said the bees have been sent to a U.S. Department of Agriculture Laboratory in Arizona.

Ten Commandments judge: Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore said Thursday he is writing a book on why acknowledgments of God by public officials — including his controversial Ten Commandments monument — are both legal and necessary.

The book, titled "So Help Me God," is to be released in March by Nashville, Tenn.-based Broadman and Holman Publishers. Financial terms of the deal were not released.

Moore was expelled from office in November for refusing a federal judge's order to remove his 5,280-pound Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the state judicial building. He has appealed.

New Jersey governor: The former aide who claims he was sexually harassed by Gov. James E. McGreevey said he will consider dropping his plans to sue if the governor simply apologizes, the man's attorney said Thursday.

Golan Cipel, McGreevey's former homeland security adviser, is still considering legal action against the governor but might settle for the apology, attorney Allen Lowy said.

McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmussen said the governor would not apologize because no sexual harassment took place.

Bobbitt arrested again: A lawyer for John Wayne Bobbitt said Friday that Bobbitt was wrongly jailed on domestic violence charges in Las Vegas after trying to break up a fight between his wife and her teenage son.

Las Vegas police said Bobbitt, 37, punched his 14-year-old stepson and shoved his wife of 2½ years during an argument at their Las Vegas home. Bobbitt was being held at the Clark County Jail on \$10,000 bail pending arraignment Monday.

Bobbitt gained fame in 1993 when his first wife, Lorena, cut off his penis at their apartment in Manassas, Va. She was found

innocent by reason of insanity, after arguing that Bobbitt abused her.

Bobbitt moved from Virginia to Nevada after surgery to reattach his penis, and has worked at a brothel, as a bartender and as a tow truck driver.

Murdered Ocean City tourists: Maryland's highest court upheld the convictions Friday of a husband and wife who murdered and dismembered a tourist couple from Virginia they met in Ocean City over Memorial Day weekend in 2002.

In two opinions, the Court of Appeals left intact Benjamin Sifrit's convictions for second-degree murder and other crimes and Erika Sifrit's first-degree murder and theft convictions.

In separate trials last year, the Sifrits, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., were found guilty of luring Martha Crutchley and Joshua Ford, both of Fairfax, Va., back to their condo and shooting the pair in a bathroom. They then cut the bodies up and dumped them in a trash bin.

Brain-damaged woman: The biggest name in the race in Clearwater, Fla., between a Florida circuit judge and his rival is one voters will never hear the two candidates speak — Terri Schiavo.

Circuit Judge George Greer is the probate court judge in Pinellas County who has twice ruled that the brain-damaged woman's husband could withdraw her feeding tube.

Greer's opponent, lawyer Jan Gowan, decided to run against the veteran judge in part because of the woman's case.

Both of Greer's rulings have been thwarted and the tube reinserted, most recently in October when Gov. Jeb Bush intervened through the hastily passed "Terri's Law" to order the tube be reattached.

Okla. bridge collapse: The National Transportation Safety Board will hold a public board meeting in Washington, D.C., next week to discuss its final report on the deadly Interstate 40 bridge collapse near Webers Falls in Muskogee, Okla.

The entire report won't be released for a few weeks, NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway told the Muskogee Phoenix and Times Democrat.

It's been more than two years since a towboat pushing two empty barges crashed into one of the bridge's piers, causing a 500-foot section of the span to collapse and sending eight passenger vehicles and three tractor-trailer rigs into the Arkansas River below. Five people were injured and 14 people died.

Flu shot shortage: U.S. health officials said they do not expect a flu shot shortage after a leading flu vaccine maker warned that it would hold up millions of doses because several bottles were contaminated. Only about 4 million doses appear to be

taunted — not enough to have a big impact on this year's supply although there may be a delay in making some shots available, officials said Friday.

World

Warrants sought for Thatcher: Equatorial Guinea has requested international arrest warrants for Mark Thatcher, son of the former British prime minister, and other British financiers accused in an alleged coup plot in this tiny oil-rich nation, the deputy premier said Saturday.

But the government denied it had asked South Africa for the extradition of Thatcher, already under house arrest there after his arrest on South African charges in the case.

Aide to Carlos the Jackal: Prosecutors on Thursday appealed a Berlin court's decision to acquit an aide to the terrorist Carlos the Jackal of involvement in three 1980s bombings in France that left six people dead.

Johannes Weinrich, 57, was charged with six counts of murder and 22 counts of attempted murder for his alleged role in twin New Year's Eve blasts at the main train station in Marseille that killed five people in 1983 and a car bombing in Paris that killed a passer-by the previous year.

After a 17-month trial, judges said Monday they lacked solid evidence that Weinrich was involved in the three attacks, citing the absence of potentially crucial testimony — including that of Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the man known as Carlos. Weinrich already was serving a life sentence for another attack.

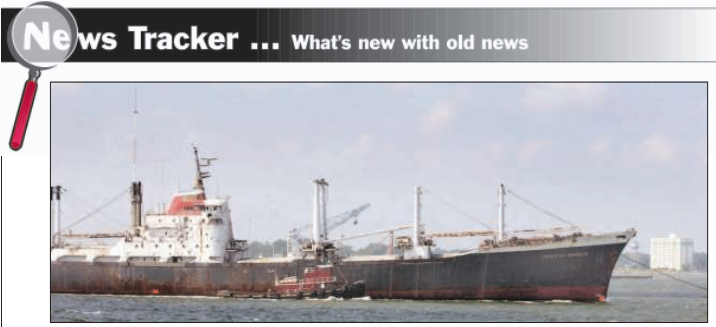
Carlos, a Venezuelan, was arrested in Sudan in 1994 and handed over to France, where he is serving life for the 1975 murders of two French secret agents and an alleged informer.

Chechnya unrest: The Russian military said more than five dozen rebel fighters were killed in Chechnya over five days last week, since insurgents staged a bold series of attacks on police and polling stations in the Chechen capital, a Russian news agency reported Thursday.

The Aug. 21 night attacks in Grozny and elsewhere by Russian forces came just ahead of Sunday's election to replace assassinated President Akhmad Kadyrov.

The Interfax news agency quoted Maj. Gen. Ilya Shabalin, a spokesman for Russia's military campaign in Chechnya, as saying that Russian forces killed more than 60 separatist fighters in Grozny and the southern Russian republic over the five days.

Stories and photos from wire services



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Weinrich

McGreevey

Militants, U.S. forces clash in Baghdad

3 killed in al-Sadr stronghold; warplanes strike Fallujah

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday 968 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 724 died as a result of hostile action and 244 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 830 U.S. soldiers have died — 615 as a result of hostile action and 215 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Friday.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ Soldier died Friday after his truck rolled off an embankment near Fallujah, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Cpl. Barton R. Humlhanz, 23, Hellertown, Pa., died Thursday from hostile injuries in Iraq's Balad province; assigned to Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group 24, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

■ Army Spc. Marco D. Ross, 20, Memphis, Tenn., died Wednesday in Baghdad, when mortar hit his camp, assigned to the Army's 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Spc. Charles L. Neeley, 19, Mattson, Ill., died Wednesday in Tikrit, Iraq, when his tractor-trailer rolled over, assigned to the Army Reserve's 45th Transportation Company, Columbus, Ohio.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Donald N. Davis, 42, Saginaw, Mich., died Tuesday in Fallujah, Iraq, when a tractor and a tanker trailer rolled over an embankment; assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve's 66th Transportation Company, Zanesville, Ohio.

BAGHDAD — Shiite militants and U.S. forces battled Saturday in the Baghdad's Sadr City slum and a mortar barrage slammed into a busy eastern neighborhood in a new round of violence in the capital that left five people dead and dozens wounded, officials said.

The violence contrasted with calm in the holy city of Najaf, where residents cleaned up broken glass and rubble and returned to their wrecked offices and shops after three weeks of devastating clashes between Shiite fighters and U.S. troops (see related story below).

But gunbattles broke out between militants and U.S. forces in Sadr City, a Baghdad stronghold of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia.

U.S. soldiers in Humvees drove through the impoverished neighborhood with loudspeakers, demanding people stay home because coalition forces were "cleaning the area of armed men," according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene. There was sporadic gunfire.

Saad al-Amli, a Health Ministry official, said three people were killed and 25 were wounded in the skirmishes.

Also, militants fired assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades at American troops patrolling the area, said U.S. Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, adding that U.S. forces suffered no casualties. Fighters fired eight mortar shells at U.S. troops in Sadr City but missed, hitting a small power station and knocking out electricity to a six-block area, he said.

As the battles raged, insurgents fired a round of mortars into a crowded eastern Baghdad neighborhood, killing two boys washing cars in a street near the former Iraqi National Olympic Committee building, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdu-Rahman.

The dead teens were taken to a nearby morgue, where fearful relatives pounded their chests in grief. At least six other people were injured, said Basir Mohammed of Baghdad's al-Kindi hospital.

Meanwhile, U.S. warplanes carried out air-



Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr supporters take a break after a fight with U.S. soldiers in Baghdad's Sadr City on Saturday. Fighting in Iraq's capital Saturday left three dead and 25 injured.

strikes for the second straight day in the city of Fallujah, a center for Sunni Muslim insurgents who have been battling U.S. forces for more than 18 months. U.S. forces also exchanged gunfire with insurgents on the city's outskirts, and fighting was reported on the highway that runs to neighboring Jordan.

The airstrikes, which warplanes said began at around 7 p.m. and continued for an hour, hit the city's eastern al-Askari neighborhood as well as the industrial area at the eastern entrance of Fallujah. At least four homes were destroyed.

Smoke could be seen billowing into the air and fire blazed in the sky after the strikes.

Lt. Col. Thomas V. Johnson, a Marine spokesman, said U.S. troops based on the edge of Fallujah responded with tanks and artillery

after their positions took "sporadic fire." He said one fire in the city had been started by a U.S. strike and was "believed to be related to a hit on a significant weapons cache."

On Friday, U.S. airstrikes targeted the same neighborhoods, killing three people and wounding 13 others, including a 6-year-old girl, medical officials said. The military said Friday's attack had targeted an anti-aircraft gun mounted on the back of a truck that had attempted to fire on a U.S. plane.

U.S. forces have repeatedly carried out airstrikes in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, since Marines ended a three-week siege of the city in April aimed at rooting out insurgents.

Police Lt. Qusai Mohammed said Iraqi security forces searched the main mosque in Kufa, an al-Sadr stronghold, and found a cache of weapons hidden there late Friday.

New sounds of Najaf: Clanking of cleanup crews

BY MARIAM FARM
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — The crash of explosions and crackle of gunfire that have torn through Najaf for weeks gave way Saturday to the clangs of shovels clearing up the destruction and the wailing of sirens announcing that Iraqi police are now in control of this devastated holy city.

The scars of the fighting between U.S. forces and Shiite militants were everywhere in Najaf's Old City: Mangled bodies buried underneath the rubble, gaping holes gouged in burnt buildings, cars crumpled like balled-up pieces of paper.

Amid the wreckage stood the sacred Imam Ali Shrine compound, where the militants had taken refuge. With its glistening golden dome and ornamented ceramic tiles, the holy site was said Saturday, but empty of its usual sea of pilgrims.

The Iraqi soldiers filed out of the shrine Friday and locked the door behind them, symbolizing an end to the crisis. On Saturday, Iraqi Security Forces Qasbi, the minister of the holy site. "The shrine inside is cleaned up, and I hope



Municipal workers Saturday sweep debris off roads lined with battle-scarred buildings in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq.

that it will open up soon to the public," he said.

On the streets around the shrine, police cars whizzed by, rifles jutting out of the windows. Iraqi troops in faded uniforms stood guard amid piles of trash and pools of sewage. Policemen in blue shirts and dark flak jackets manned iron gates, while militiamen used to frisk visitors.

For the first time in weeks, municipal workers in bright orange uniforms toiled under the scorch-

ing sun, sweeping away fetid garbage and loading debris onto trucks. Some volunteers from nearby cities joined them to help out, the workers said.

While authorities tried to restore normalcy to the Old City and particularly the area around the shrine — which were at the center of the heavy fighting — some here wondered how Najaf could ever be the same again.

"I am in pain because this city won't look like before," said po-

liceman Maher Sherry, standing amid blackened buildings, mounds of bricks and unexploded mortar rounds.

Some of the militiamen loyal to firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who just days ago controlled the shrine and pompously displayed their rifles and rocket-propelled grenades in the surrounding streets, were staying in a narrow alley leading to al-Sadr's office, a stone's throw from the sacred compound.

"Al-Sadr doesn't compromise, and we all resist," declared a fluttering banner in front of the office. Portraits of the young cleric glared down from walls and power poles.

In spite of the militia's lower profile, some in the area said they were still haunted by uncertainty, fearful that the plan that brought peace here might not hold, as an earlier truce with al-Sadr collapsed into the latest round of violence.

"He has destroyed the people and the nation," a resident who identified himself only as Abu Karar said in al-Sadr. "No one knows what will happen tomorrow. Maybe it will start all over again."

Re-upping in Iraq pays off for Strike Force

Army offering soldiers in combat zone tax-free, lump sum re-enlistment bonus

By SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division — on a yearlong deployment to the Middle East — are cashing in on lucrative re-enlistment bonuses normally reserved for Special Forces soldiers or recruiters.

The soldiers, from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, known as Strike Force, can collect up to \$20,000, depending on their time in service. And, because they are re-enlisting in a combat zone, their bonuses are tax-free and given in one lump sum.

The \$20,000 bonuses are given to soldiers with more than 10 years' service, said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Byers, 37, a Strike Force career counselor.

"These bonuses have previously been reserved for Special Forces or recruiters," said Byers, 37, from Cross Lanes, W.Va.

Soldiers with less than six years' service can collect up to \$10,000, while soldiers with between six and 10 years' service are eligible for up to \$15,000, he said.

After finding out that Strike Force would deploy to Iraq, counselors stopped re-enlisting soldiers in South Korea to allow

them to take advantage of the tax-free status in the Middle East, Byers said.

"Some of the bonuses in Korea were a little higher, but they weren't lump sum and they weren't tax free," he said. "As career counselors, we are supposed to be the honest broker between the Army and the soldier. The main thing is to take care of the soldier."

The Army has not determined whether soldiers can extend their South Korea tours while they are in Iraq, which would mean even more money, Byers said.

"There is the overseas extension program that can add an additional benefit of some free leave and a plane ticket back to the U.S. or \$2,000 cash," he said. "[But] with the issues about downsizing, I can't tell how this will reflect on the availability of that."

Several soldiers re-enlisted at Camp Buehring in the last two weeks while waiting to head into Iraq. One of them, Sgt. Joe Ramos, of 2nd Brigade's Headquarters Company,

said it was a coincidence that his re-enlistment date fell while he was deployed.

The 34-year-old father from Kingsville, Texas, has eight years' service, meaning he got a cool \$15,000 from the Army. If he had re-enlisted in South Korea, he estimates he would have got the same bonus but it wouldn't have been tax-free. So re-enlisting in Kuwait gained him about \$6,000, he figured.

"I'm going to put it away and will probably invest some of it. I'll put some of it into savings for my little girl when she gets older so she won't have to worry when she is going to pay for college," he said.

However, re-enlisting was not about the money, said Ramos, whose father served 20 years in the Texas National Guard.

"It is good that I have got the money, but I always intended to re-enlist," he said. "I love the Army and I have always intended to stay in."

Some people back in the U.S.



Byers

Ramos

Kuwait employee accidentally shot

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — A Bangladeshi worker was wounded by gunfire while 2nd Infantry Division soldiers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team were training at a range in Kuwait, according to an Army spokesman.

The man, who was working at Kuwait's Udairi Range, received what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his leg. The man, who had been warned not to enter the area, was collecting equipment behind a berm and not in the soldiers' line of sight when the accident happened, the official said.

Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment were training at the range at the time of the incident, the spokesman said. The 1-503 is one of several Strike Force units that spent the early part of this month in Kuwait preparing for a yearlong deployment to Iraq.

It is unclear whether the man's injuries were caused by a ricocheting bullet or by rocks hit by a bullet, he said.

Other range workers took the man to a medical facility at Camp Buehring, where he was treated, the official said.

From staff reports

might think he is crazy, Ramos said.

"Who in their right mind would want to do the job I do? Not a lot of people can say I'll go and deploy to another country," he said. "One of the main reasons I do it is because I have my friends and family who I know are proud of me because of what I am doing."

Soldiers can re-enlist in Iraq any time before their end term of service (ETS), Byers said.

"A soldier can re-enlist 12 months out from their end term of service. There is normally a 90-day window before the ETS when they can't re-enlist, but in Iraq soldiers can re-enlist right up to the ETS," he said.

Four career counselors deployed with Strike Force are pro-

viding information on re-enlistment options to all of the units on the ground, Byers said.

When a soldier asks to re-enlist, the career counselors ask them what their feelings are about the Army, he said.

Some soldiers don't mind being deployed but others are concerned about the impact on their families. In those cases, the best re-enlistment option is often one that stabilizes the soldier with a duty station, Byers said.

"The soldier will have a stable home life and the spouse can get a job. The soldier can do his year deployment and come back there," he said.

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NATO in Iraq to teach military management

By WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

While NATO has yet to announce its ultimate strategy for training security forces in Iraq, the alliance already has begun a pilot project schooling dozens of Iraqi senior officials in the ancient art of military management.

About 40 allied personnel — about half of them American — are in the Baghdad area training top-tier military and police leaders on how to lead forces and keep Iraq's new structures from falling apart.

"That's what we're aiming for at the moment, is headquarters-level personnel," Lt. Col. Peter Lindqvist, a Norwegian officer and spokesman for the mission, said from Baghdad.

"This is like staff-college-level education."

The team arrived in Iraq two weeks ago both to begin limited training and to look at how best to train forces on a larger scale later. The team will deliver its findings to Gen. James L. Jones, the supreme commander of NATO, who then will relay his final proposals to the North Atlantic Council, the alliance's chief decision-making body, in mid-September.

After that, NATO theoretically could begin training Iraqis of more varied ranks and types.

"It includes all categories," Lindqvist said. "So at this stage we haven't limited or narrowed on any one or specific group. That might come later, though."

The alliance voted to begin training Iraqis during its June summit in Istanbul, Turkey. France and Germany opposed deploying peacekeepers into Iraq, as the United States had asked, but in the end did allow the alliance to train Iraqi forces inside or outside the country. Lindqvist said he believed most of the training would be held inside Iraq.

The current NATO team is made up of troops from Britain, Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Romania and the United States. They arrived from NATO bases in Mons, Belgium; Naples, Italy; Stavanger, Norway; and Norfolk, Va.

Jones, a U.S. Marine Corps general, also visited the team in Iraq for two days earlier this month. He met with military leaders and even inspected Iraqi special forces, according to statements and photos released by NATO's military headquarters in Mons.

Whatever its final form, Lindqvist said the training program will be tailored to whatever the new Iraqi forces need, as opposed to telling Iraqi officers what to do.

"We not here to impose the NATO system on the Iraqi structures," Lindqvist said.

Quite the contrary.
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Photo courtesy of SHAPE

U.S. Marine Gen. James Jones, commander of Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, visits with Kurdish troops during a recent tour of Iraq. About 40 NATO members are now in Baghdad to train senior Iraqi officials in the ancient art of military management.

U.S., Afghan forces nab 22 suspected Taliban

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. and Afghan troops swept up 22 suspected Taliban fighters during a major search operation following a gunbattle in a southern Afghan mountain range, officials said Saturday.

Meanwhile, a renegade warlord was also taken into custody weeks after a clash with a powerful rival in the west of the country, as Afghan authorities try to improve security for October elections.

No Afghan or American soldiers were reported injured in fighting which broke out Friday and continued Saturday in southern Zabul province.

"This operation was launched to improve security for the people of Zabul province," Gov. Khial Mohammed said. U.S. military spokesman Maj. Scott Nelson confirmed the operations in Zabul and neighboring Ghazni province, and said 22 Taliban suspects had been detained.

"We did have a major operation there," he said. It was not clear how many American and Afghan soldiers were taking part.

Further east, suspected Taliban fired on a convoy of trucks bringing supplies to a U.S. military base in Khost province, killing a driver and injuring his assistant, said Nashin Uddin, an aide to the local Afghan National Army commander.

The attack occurred Friday as the convoy made its way to Camp Salerno, a major U.S. base close to the Pakistani border.

Some 18,000 American-led troops are in Afghanistan to hunt down al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, and to help ensure security for presidential elections scheduled for Oct. 9.

The Taliban have vowed to disrupt the elections, and have launched frequent attacks on coalition soldiers, election workers and Afghan voters. The vote is also threatened by factional violence and the risk of intimidation by regional militia leaders.

In an attempt to extend its feeble control, the central government has arrested a warlord and brought him to the capital, weeks after his troops clashed with militia loyal to a powerful regional governor, officials said.

Amanullah, a Pashtun warlord who goes by only one name, was brought to Kabul on Friday from the western province of Herat, said Jawed Ludin, a spokesman for President Hamid Karzai.

"He does not have the freedom to go back. He is in custody," said a senior Afghan official.

Dozens were killed in fighting which broke out earlier this month between Amanullah's fighters and those of Herat Gov. Ismail Khan, an ethnic Tajik strongman whose autocratic rule has alienated minorities and even some of his own commanders.

Ludin would not comment on speculation that Khan might be removed from power, but said the action against Amanullah was one in a series of steps that will unfold in the coming days.

"What happened to Amanullah was part of a wider plan to take all necessary measures to secure long-term stability in the region," Ludin said.

A Western diplomat said Khan was being pressed by the government to accept a senior post in Kabul — opening the way for the west to be disarmed and swept of unpopular faction leaders.

Overheated bridges melt down



Workers assess damage to bridges after they melted due to excessive heat generated by burning oil pipelines in al-Barjiya, 18 miles southwest of Basra, Iraq, on Saturday. The fire allegedly was caused by militants attacking the pipelines.

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Testing shows DODDS pupils making gains

Students making progress in core subjects on standardized exams

BY SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Students in the military's school system have made "significant gains" on a standardized test that measures progress in core subjects of math and reading, according to education officials earlier this month.

Between 2002 and 2004, students in the Department of Defense Education Activity system, which includes students both in overseas schools and military schools in the United States, showed increases in the "above the standard" and "at the standard" levels of the TerraNova standardized test, which measures student progress in core curriculum subject areas.

A contributing factor to the increase in scores is the school system's special focus in three areas in the past few years, said Janet Rope, the administrator for System Accountability and Research at DODEA, headquartered in Arlington, Va.

"First is a focus on our high school programs. We have added new, more demanding courses, increased our graduation requirements, and provided teachers with training to help them meet student learning needs for all students," she said.

A few years ago, the system focused on reading programs for all students. Last year, math was the focus.

"We're developing more specific descriptions of what students need to know and be able to do in the field of math," she said.

For example, a section from the

sixth-grade standards requires students to solve problems that use rational numbers, interpret and use ratios and find and use prime factorization of composite numbers.

"DODEA has also focused on our students with special learning needs. We have removed some of the nonteaching responsibilities from our special education teachers, which gives them more teaching and learning time with their students."

Last year, the system hired 96 educators whose primary role is to administer diagnostic tests to special-needs students, she said. Before, special-education teachers administered those tests.

A rough measure

The TerraNova is part multiple-choice, part short answer, and covers reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

The increases are measured in one, two and three percentage point differences, which taken in the aggregate are significant, Rope said.

"A change in test scores from one year to the next of one to five points for an individual student should not be cause for parental concern or celebration," she said.

"Student scores can fluctuate several points without a real increase or decrease in what the student knows or can do. [But] when you total scores for over 60,000 students, a change of one or two is very important."

In general, standardized tests can pro-

vide a rough measure of how well students are performing and can be a useful benchmark to compare one system or school to others, said Walt Haney, a professor in the School of Education at Boston College and a senior researcher at the Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation and Educational Policy, or CSTEPE.

He does not oppose the use of standardized tests, but cautions against using them as the sole barometer to measure student progress. Tests should be used in conjunction with other measures such as homework, projects, class participation and extracurricular activities.

"When you have a test that is being developed and normed and administered nationwide to a group that is not very familiar with it, they tend not to score as well. They have to put that statistic into some perspective."

Haney said parents should be active in students' schooling to ensure they're getting a variety of lessons.

"There's widespread concern that

schools are increasingly teaching to the tests rather than teaching the broader curriculum," Haney said.

Local, state and federal governments link funding to the outcomes of standardized tests, and the results impact teaching and administrator jobs, and a school's status in public opinion, he said.

"With so much riding on standardized tests, it has led educators to focus on test preparation and to slight subjects that are not being tested," he said.

DODEA does use results of standardized tests to set programs, teaching techniques and curriculum, Rope said.

"DODEA uses student achievement data, including the TerraNova results, to make a variety of decisions that impact all our students, decisions as to which programs to focus on, what training to provide teachers and administrators, and whether we spend additional money on Program A or Program B," Rope said.

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"We have added new, more demanding courses, increased our graduation requirements, and provided teachers with training to help them meet student learning needs for all students."

Janet Rope

Administrator, System Accountability and Research at DODEA

Combat deployments didn't hurt students on TerraNova tests

70 percent of DODDS—Europe pupils scored better than national averages

BY CHARLIE COON
Stars and Stripes

Students from military families in Europe scored well this spring on the TerraNova tests despite the disruption caused to many by Operation Iraqi Freedom.

About 70 percent of the 29,176 students who took the test scored above the national median, while only about 2 percent scored in the bottom quarter, according to the test results that were released this month by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

The reasons included better training and material than at many stateside schools, and a high percentage of employed parents living in supportive communities, according to Dr. Candace Ransing, deputy director of Department of Defense Dependents School in Eu-

rope.

"We do a really good job in both areas," she said. "We have a lot of staff development with our teachers and train them in latest teaching strategies that are proven to get kids to be successful."

"And we renew our curriculum every five to six years. The material the kids have is the best and brightest."

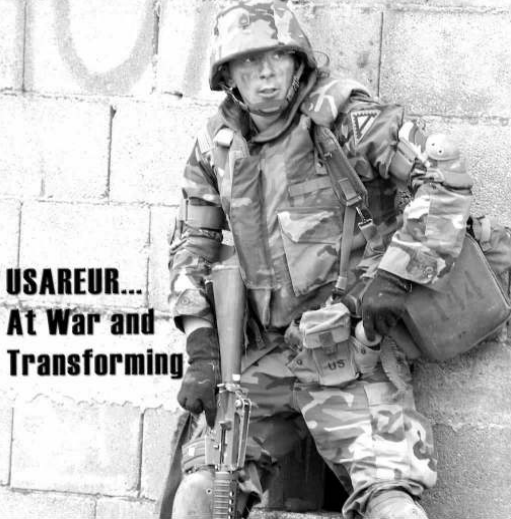
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DODDS deputy director

for the war. Military communities such as Baumholder and Hanau in Germany, and Vicenza, Italy, did not experience a drop

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Teachers study up for digital video classes



CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

From left, Marty Kober, an art and video production teacher at a Naples, Italy, high school, and Patricia Kiebler, a video production teacher at a Heidelberg, Germany, middle school, finish editing their digital video project Friday at a seminar in Stuttgart.

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Anything to get the kids interested.

"They'll fly with it," said Marty Kober.

"They'll pick it up faster than us," added Patricia Kiebler.

Digital video is not just cool, it's used throughout the business world. So 36 teachers from across Europe came to Stuttgart last week to brush up on their video-making skills and get ideas to bring back to their classrooms. After all, school starts Sept. 7.

"Our schools are being reinvented and rethought to meet the needs of our kids in the 21st century," said Pat Ridge, the liaison for video curriculum for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools in Europe.

"In a video lab, you're dealing with actively producing something, working with a team and handling expensive equipment."

Digital video technology is used by television, for business presentations, on the Internet. It is why DODDS is trying to install and improve video production classes at its schools.

On Thursday, the teachers trained on equipment and shared teaching ideas. On Friday, they had to put themselves in their

students' shoes. They formed groups and scripted, planned and shot video, then made it into 30-second public service announcements.

They also learned firsthand about deadline pressure. By mid-afternoon when time was up, some of the teachers hadn't yet finished their assignment.

The teachers were sure that their students would love working with video.

"You turn it on and the crowds come," said Becky Connolly, a teacher at Vilsack, Germany, American High School. "They like to see themselves on the screen, and they like people to see their work."

"The ones who have done it have so much pride in their accomplishment."

"They're going to want to do video for everything, all their projects," said Brandy Bell, who teaches at La Maddalena Elementary and Middle School in Sardinia.

Larry Bruce, education technologist for the Bavaria district, said the courses began in DODDS in 2000. Only a few schools had the curriculum then; now most do.

"The work force wants students to collaborate and work together," Bruce said. "This really lends itself to that collaboration."

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Test: Younger students having most difficulties on standardized tests

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in scores, Ransing said, even though many fathers and mothers from there were sent to Iraq.

"We thought [the impact] would show up this year," Ransing said. "Where we saw any change, it was maybe just one percent [decrease], and that is not a big change."

"There were maybe a student here and there where you'd see change on an individual basis, but school-wide there was nothing in the statistics."

Ransing said she was a little concerned with the higher number of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders who were struggling in math, science and reading.

Instead of the DODDS-wide statistic of 9 percent scoring in the bottom quarter, from 12 to 15 percent

of the younger students were struggling in these subjects.

Ransing said the schools were focusing on recognizing the struggling students earlier and giving them special attention.

"For third-graders, it's their first time taking that kind of test," Ransing said.

"For a third-grader to sit and focus on this battery of tests is not an easy task. We take that into consideration."

"Third grade is a real transition year for children. In kindergarten, first and second grade, they're getting basic skills. When they hit the third grade, the content starts taking effect in reading, math and problem solving. It's a transition year. You're getting into the big leagues now."

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Open enrollment for insurance program

A monthlong open enrollment for the Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance program begins Sept. 1, giving eligible employees a chance to sign up or update needs and coverage.

Participants can elect any coverage desired. Those who previously waived coverage can enroll without having a physical and without answering any medical questions, according to newly released enrollment information.

Insurance coverage takes a year to become effective. Coverage picked during the open enrollment period becomes effective the first pay period beginning on or after Sept. 4, 2005, and participants don't begin paying premiums until coverage goes into effect next year.

Detailed information and a revised FEGLI Booklet (RI-76-21) will be available at www.fegli2004open.gov beginning Sept. 1. Information also is available by calling (877) 521-1923. Counselors are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

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AAFS gas prices in Europe to fluctuate

BY WARD SANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

Gas guzzlers at many military pumps in Europe may both gulp more and go dry in September, depending on where they drive and their preferred fuel flavor.

The cost of unleaded gasoline at Army and Air Force Exchange pumps in Germany and Britain will drop three to four cents a gallon, while at the same time diesel increases.

The Netherlands loses all around, with unleaded gas costing 10 cents more and diesel costing 24 cents more a gallon, according to an AAFES news release.

The changes won't affect pumps in other countries, either because prices are set annually or the Navy manages that area's military gas prices.

The cause for confusion is that the unleaded price of gasoline in the United States went down in recent weeks, but diesel did not. According to the Department of Energy, as of Aug. 23 American diesel prices were up 37 cents a gallon compared with the same time last year.

"Gas prices in the U.S. are fluctuating slightly but there is an increased demand for diesel and a stilted supply," said Maj. David Acketta, spokesman for AAFES in Europe, citing the Oil Pricing Information

Service.

Though AAFES attempts to adjust its European prices to mirror the past four weeks' prices in the United States, it won't do it where the cost of fuel is too high. In the Netherlands, home to the European Union's highest petrol prices, local costs were so high that AAFES raised prices for September instead of following the American trend.

Military drivers stationed in the Netherlands may try buying coupons in Germany if they're visiting, as the same coupons work in both countries.

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Prices for September

In Germany, with Europe's largest concentration of military drivers, normal unleaded drops from \$2.08 per gallon to \$2.05. Super unleaded drops from \$2.18 to \$2.14. Diesel increases from \$1.91 to \$1.99.

In Britain, super unleaded drops from \$2.11 to \$2.08 per gallon. Diesel rises from \$2.18 to \$2.14. Diesel increases from \$2.04 to \$2.08.

In the Netherlands, super unleaded rises from \$2.19 to \$2.29 per gallon. Super plus unleaded increases from \$2.43 to \$2.53. Diesel increases from \$2.04 to \$2.28.

—Ward Sanderson

200-year-old U.S. Army camp found on shores of Ohio River

BY SUSAN SKILES LUKE
The Associated Press

PULASKI COUNTY, Ill. — Arrowheads that turn up in the mud after a heavy rain are common here, but now archaeologists are digging up broken bits of fine china, parts of military uniforms and even charred firewood, relics of one of the biggest Army camps in the earliest days of the republic that went unnoticed for two centuries.

Known as Cantonment Wilkinson — named after Gen. James Wilkinson, the man who ran it at the camp housed as many as 1,500 soldiers in 1801-1802, about a third of the standing U.S. Army at the time, historians say.

Alexander Hamilton and George Washington had posted them along the Ohio River, a few miles from where it meets the Mississippi, to take the Mississippi River from the Spanish by force if a war ensued.

When it didn't, the camp was abandoned and crumbled into the brown clay — until this summer, when residents led Southern Illinois University archaeologists to the site.

"It's a significant find," said Robert Moore, a historian with the National Park Service in St. Louis and author of a book on explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Lewis and Clark had noted the abandoned camp when they sailed by in 1803, on their way to their historic expedition.

In the past few weeks, SIU archaeologists have dug eight rectangular holes into the grassy field, where they believe cellars, trash pits and old latrines stood under rows of log houses.

They were pulled from the soil and clay pieces of broken china, some still painted with dainty orange petals.

They've also bagged and tagged a truckload of rust-encrusted nails, broken bricks and window glass, as well as what looks like a foot heel, said archaeologist Mark Wager of SIU's Center for Archaeological Investigations, who heads the project.

"Someone described it as the only time-travel device we have," archaeologist Jon Pressley said as he scraped topsoil from a bathtub-sized trench, handing it to others to sift through metal trays for any bits of history.

The dirt walls around him show streaks of black, where wood from long-ago trash fires burned, preserved in the hard clay for the past 200 years.

The arrowheads that have been found were made by Cherokee who inhabited the camp after the soldiers left.

The field went unnoticed by archaeologists so long because people were looking for the wrong relics, Wager said. Because the camp wasn't a fort, it didn't have the kind of heavy artillery that can be easily excavated generations later, such as the artifacts found upriver a few miles at Fort Massac.

Instead, soldiers simply lived and trained in "Wilkinsonville," as it was known, in preparation for fighting elsewhere, he said. Instead of leaving cannons, they left a light scattering of household items from daily life.

"These might seem small and insignificant, but they tell us the story of how these men lived here in the frontier," Wager said.

The digging is now done for the summer, and Wager hopes the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Library of Congress will continue to fund the project so he can return with his team next year. He's received about \$60,000 for it so far.



Southern Illinois University graduate students Bryan Carlo, left, and Franz Lauer work at an archaeological dig at the site of an Army camp that housed up to 1,500 soldiers in 1801-1802.

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Soldiers from the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment from Illesheim, Germany, fly an AH-64 Apache near Camp Virginia, Kuwait, before the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Members of the 2-6 Cav are preparing for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

Redeployment in order for Europe-based troops

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

GIEBELSTADT, Germany — It seems as if the paint on the "Welcome home" posters from last year's Iraq deployment had barely dried when the news came last week to thousands of Europe-based soldiers and their families.

Get ready for another year in the desert.

"I figured, coming into the Army, that we'd be deployed a lot," said Spc. Brian Ferry, 20, of the 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, a UH-60 Black Hawk unit from Giebelstadt, Germany. "I'm already looking forward to getting it over with."

In July, the Pentagon announced the major divisions and brigades that would take over early next year for the big units now serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

That rotation list painted a broad-brush picture of what Operation Iraqi Freedom 3 and Operation Enduring Freedom 6 would look like. Last week, the theater commands sketched in the finer

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The following U.S. Army Europe units are in receipt of deployment orders for Operation Iraqi Freedom 3:

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- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Military Police Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 793rd Military Police Battalion
- 464th Medical Detachment (Dental)
- 17th Signal Battalion
- 51st Transportation Company
- 236th Medical Company (Air Ambulance)
- 515th Transportation Company

- 41st Transportation Company
- 377th Transportation Company
- 240th Quartermaster Company
- 578th Signal Company
- 619th Movement Control Team
- 64th Medical Detachment (Veterinary)
- 94th Engineer Battalion

21ST THEATER SUPPORT COMMAND

- 95th Military Police Battalion
- 70th Transportation Company

Source: U.S. Army Europe

details, sending "warning orders" for a probable yearlong deployment to about 8,400 U.S. Army Europe troops in battalion, company and detachment-sized groups that will out the divisions and brigades.

About 5,500 of those will support the Southern European Task Force's 173rd Airborne Brigade from Vicenza, Italy, in Afghanistan. SETAF's air support will

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No guarantees for soldiers without orders

GIEBELSTADT, Germany — While thousands of V Corps soldiers brought home warning orders for Iraq or Afghanistan last week, just as many who feared getting them did not.

But no one is heaving any big sigh of relief.

"Because of the way it happened the first time, I don't have any expectations," said Sgt. 1st Class Erica Holloway, 33, of the 3rd Battalion, 58th Aviation Regiment's headquarters company, which hasn't received orders. "If we go, we go, and if we don't, we don't."

U.S. Army Europe commanders have warned that the list of units receiving orders is complete for now, but by no means final. There could be additions, or substitutions.

Spc. James Griffin, 23, serves in Company B, 7th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, based in Giebelstadt. He's not sure if he'll be following up last year's Iraq tour with one in Afghanistan, like hundreds of other soldiers from his base. A USAREUR news release Tuesday said his company was deploying, but it was deleted from a revised notice the next day.

"I'll be disappointed if my unit [isn't] going," Griffin said.

"I went to Iraq last time, but now I want to see something different. That's why I joined the Army."

Staff Sgt. Jose Estrada, 34, spent a year in Iraq with the 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, a UH-60 Black Hawk unit. Its sister unit at Giebelstadt is the 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment — which returned from Iraq two months after his battalion — got deployment orders, but his did not.

For Estrada, that's good news. He's planning to leave the Army on Nov. 1 after 13 years, partly because of the rigors of his last deployment.

"Since we were the first to come back, we expected to be the first to go," he said. "But I'm pretty sure 5th Battalion will get their number, too."

At Illesheim, the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment got orders for Operation Enduring Freedom. The 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment right next door did not. Both served in Iraq during the war.

"From all the talk I really don't think that 6th Cavalry is 'safe,' so to speak," said Jeanne Kelly, wife of a Troop D sergeant. "I am sure we will go somewhere — eventually."

— Steve Liewer

Deploy: Troops see positives of orders

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come from veteran V Corps units that served in Kuwait and Iraq between October 2002 and March 2004. Apache Longhorns from the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment in Illesheim, Germany; and from Giebelstadt, the 3-158 Aviation Black Hawks, two companies of CH-47 Chinooks, and the 12th Aviation Brigade's headquarters company.

About 2,900 more V Corps troops will head to Iraq. The largest units are the 17th Signal Battalion from Kitzingen and the 94th Engineer Battalion from Vilseck.

For new soldiers, or for those left in Germany during the first two OIF deployments, it's a chance to jump in on the adventure.

"I don't mind going at all," said Pfc. Christopher Verost, 21, of the 3-158 Aviation, who enlisted last year so he could fight in the war on terror. "That's one of the reasons I joined the Army."

Some single soldiers also are looking forward to the chance to pile up a year's worth of deployment cash. They earn combat pay on top of tax-free salaries, and they won't be spending their paychecks on dates, travel, stereos and beer while they're in Iraq or Afghanistan.

"We're all single. It's different for us," said Pfc. Adam Kortveit, 23, of the 3-158 Aviation, as he ate

a chow-hall lunch with Verost and another buddy. "It's a great opportunity for us to save up money."

It's hard to find anyone in the affected units who was blindsided by the deployment news. On every base in Europe, the rumor mill has churned for months.

"We pretty much knew we were going to do something," said Spc. Juan Haninger, 23, also of the 3-158 Aviation.

"Even if you don't have official warning orders, you know," said Noelle Sammons, 32, whose husband is a pilot in the same unit.

"If anyone is surprised, then they aren't paying attention." That it was expected, though, doesn't make the blow any easier for soldiers with families who struggled through one yearlong separation and now face another. The punishing operations tempo has become a fact of Army life since the invasion of Iraq.

"A year is a long time," Sammons said. "It'll be hard, but we'll do it. We're not going to sit and be miserable."

"Now we know what a year apart is like," said her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark Sammons, 32.

The silver lining to a return trip for some is that the mystery is gone. They know how long they'll be gone, they know what deployment is like, and they'll know they're with buddies they can trust.



STEVE LIEWER/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers from 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment stand outside their vehicles near Nasiriyah on their way to Iraq at the start of the war in March 2003.

"We all know. We've been down there with each other. That makes it a lot easier," Gabel said. "I can't say I'm excited," added Haninger, "but I'm real comfortable with the guys I'm going down with."

Another plus is that the hot, dirty camps they built from scratch last year in Iraq have now added "luxuries" such as phone and Internet nets, chow halls, showers and air-conditioning. All were rare during the 17th Signal Battalion's six-month Iraq tour in

2003. They'll be returning to much better digs.

"We're looking forward to the improvements," said 1st Lt. Nicole Rabold, personnel officer and adjutant for the Kitzingen-based unit. "We were down there when we had, seriously, nothing."

Amenities or no, soldiers know that Army life isn't meant to be easy. A deep culture of service and sacrifice mutes the griping, even when the duty is hard.

"Our nation is calling for us to go out and do our mission, and

that's what we are going to do," said Staff Sgt. Lamont Watkins, logistics noncommissioned officer for the Bamberg-based 793rd Military Police Company, which is getting its first wartime call-up.

"I have a [18-month-old] baby, and I'm a little sad about leaving, but everything else is all right," said Sgt. Luis Sosa, who serves in the same unit. "I'm just trying to get over there, get it over with and come back home safe."

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Memorial planned for beloved Vicenza teacher

Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — A memorial service will be held Tuesday at Caserma Ederle for Joseph Pellerito, the longest serving teacher at Vicenza Elementary School.

Pellerito, 70, died at a local hospital Thursday after suffering a severe stroke. He first started teaching at Vicenza in 1964 after two years in Frankfurt, Germany. Pellerito taught the middle grades at the school and also served as a coach at the high school, most recently in girls' basketball and volleyball. He was just a few weeks away from starting another year at the school. School starts Sept. 7.

"He was wonderful to work with," said fellow teacher Betty Linden, whose two children had

Pellerito as their sixth-grade teacher. "He had a wonderful sense of humor and was so full of life."

"He didn't just teach the basics, but helped his students become better people."

Pellerito served two years in the Army in the 1950s before joining the predecessor of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system in 1962.

The memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. at the base chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Rebecca and Jennifer; son, James; and five grandchildren. Thoughts for the family can be sent to the school, Unit 31401, Box 11, APO AE 09630 or via e-mail: principal_vicenza_es@eu.odc.dod.mil

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IN THE WORLD

Traces of explosives in 2nd jet wreckage

BY JIM HEINTZ
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Officials said Saturday they had found traces of an explosive on the wreckage of the second of two Russian airliners that crashed just minutes apart earlier this week. That would indicate terrorists caused both aviation tragedies.

Evidence of the explosive hexogen were found on the Tu-134 jetliner that crashed Tuesday in the Tula region, about 100 miles south of Moscow, said Sergei Ignatchenko, spokesman for the Federal Security Service. Discovery of the explosive residue on the second jetliner was revealed one day after authorities said residue of the same explosive material was found on the wreckage of a Tu-154 that crashed farther south in Russia, near the town of Rostov.

Officials said the explosive residue showed terrorists brought down that plane.

Both planes crashed Tuesday night after taking off from Moscow's Domodedovo airport, one of Russia's most modern and sophis-

ticated air hubs. The findings of explosives indicated significant weaknesses in security for the air transport network that spans the vast country.

A Web site connected to Islamic militants claimed the crashes were retaliation for Russia's ongoing war in Chechnya, and Russian officials said they were investigating the backgrounds of two female passengers with Chechen surnames — one on each of the planes.

Several suicide bombings in recent years have been blamed on Chechen women who lost husbands or brothers in the war and chaos that have plagued the southern republic for most of the past decade.

On Saturday, the newspaper Ivestia cited a Chechen village leader, Dogman Akhmadov, as saying that the brother of one of the suspect women had disappeared three or four years ago and was believed to have fallen victim to Russian forces who are widely accused of civilian abductions and summary executions in Chechnya.

Both women had booked tickets on the flights at the last minute and were the only vic-



Lika, right, wife of Moscow businessman Tengiz Yakobashvili, who was killed in one of Tuesday's two nearly simultaneous plane crashes, cries Friday during her husband's funeral in Moscow. At left is Lika's sister Mzia.

tims whose relatives have not contacted authorities, officials said. One of the women gave only her surname and first initial in booking the ticket, according to reports.

President Vladimir Putin made no public comment on the discovery of traces of explosives three days after what one major newspaper called Russia's Sept. 11.

Powell cancels trip to Olympics

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell canceled a weekend visit to attend the closing ceremony of the Olympics, prompting Greek communists who had organized anti-American protests in central Athens to claim victory Saturday.

The cancellation eased fears that Powell's appearance at Sunday night's closing ceremony of the Olympics would have been booed by spectators, marring the festivities.

The U.S. State Department made the announcement hours after police used tear gas in central Athens on Friday night to break up a march by about 1,500 demonstrators protesting Powell's one-day trip.

Greece's foreign ministry said Powell told his Greek counterpart Petros Molitsis, that "urgent responsibilities" prevented him from carrying out the visit, which was to include meetings with U.S. Olympic athletes and government leaders.

In a Greek translation of Powell's letter, the secretary said he would visit in October instead. The change would allow his meetings to concentrate on "subjects of mutual interest" after Greece was no longer involved with the Olympics.

Iran offers 'guarantees' it won't seek nukes

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran is ready to provide "guarantees" it won't seek nuclear weapons, President Mohammad Khatami said Saturday, urging the United Nations' nuclear watchdog agency to close its investigation into the country's program when it meets next month.

The United States, which says Iran is trying to develop weapons, is pushing the International Atomic Energy Agency to refer Tehran to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions. The IAEA has already sharply criticized Iran for not coming clean about its nuclear program,

and European countries increasingly have expressed concern.

But Khatami urged the agency to resist U.S. pressure, saying any concerns over a program Iran insists aims only to produce energy can be cleared up.

"I hope we only go one step forward, away from political pressures, when the agency meets in September. Iran has taken steps toward building greater confidence and many of the problems that existed has been removed," Khatami told a press conference in Tehran.

"We are ready to do everything necessary to give guarantees that we won't seek nuclear weapons," Khatami said. "As Muslims, we can't use nuclear weapons. One

who can't use nuclear weapons won't produce them."

He did not elaborate on the kinds of guarantees his country was willing to give. Iran has allowed international inspections of its nuclear facilities and military sites.

Tehran has made such an offer before, but this is the first time the government has said so publicly it would provide guarantees to ease international concerns about its controversial nuclear program.

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British official urges Sudan to protect refugees

BY ED JOHNSON
The Associated Press

AL-FASHER, Sudan — British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, meeting people camping in the desert and scrubland of troubled Darfur, said Tuesday the Sudanese government must do more to make it safe for them to go home.

Straw's tour of the conflict-ravaged region came as the U.N. deadline neared for Khartoum to disarm Arab militiamen, accused of terrorizing African farmers, or face economic and diplomatic sanctions. Elsewhere, Nigerian mediators struggled to get the Sudanese government and rebels to reach an agreement that could allow for more progress toward calm before the deadline.

More than 30,000 people have been killed and 1.4 million forced to flee their homes in what the United Nations has described as the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Some have gone further, calling it genocide, a designation

many believe would force the international community to take strong action.

Straw, whose country has veto power on the Security Council, said officials should be in a position by the end of the week to decide whether Khartoum had made sufficient progress in easing the crisis to avoid sanctions.

"It is for Kofi Annan to judge the extent to which they have complied," he said, sweating in the searing heat of the desert, before leaving Darfur for talks in the capital with Sudanese President Omar el-Bashir.

Women in brightly colored robes had clamored around Straw at a watering point in the Abu Shouk camp, home to more than 40,000 people and near Al-Fasher, the provincial capital of northern Darfur.

Straw said it was clear from their stories that many would not return to their villages because of fears of attacks by the Arab militias known as the Janjaweed.

He said there had been



Sudanese children run in front of a U.N. vehicle guarded by Sudanese policemen Saturday near the U.N. office in Al-Fasher, the capital of north Darfur, Sudan.

progress since the Security Council set the Aug. 30 deadline, noting that humanitarian aid groups had been granted access to the western region and that security in the camps had improved.

But "people are still very anxious, apprehensive and nervous about whether they will be safe to go back to the villages from which they have come," Straw said. "There is still a lack of confidence that it is safe for them to return home, and that has got to be pinned down."

Straw said the Sudanese government and two rebel factions that took up arms in February

2003 demanding greater political representation must thrash out a settlement at peace talks held in Abuja, Nigeria, to end the crisis.

In Darfur, Straw did not respond directly when asked whether he saw evidence of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

"People here have suffered grievously," Straw said. "People have lost their lives and they have lost their loved ones. People have been injured and because children have been uprooted, many are suffering from malnutrition. The crucial challenge now is not the description, but what we do about the problem and how we try to turn it around."

Cell phone glitch

FRANKFURT, Germany — Siemens AG said Friday it anticipates unspecified additional costs from a software problem with new mobile phones that has led retailers to suspend sales.

The German electronics company said five models of its new 65 series could under certain circumstances emit a piercing melody into users' ears if the battery fails during a call.

Hearing damage could result "in extreme cases," the company said in a statement.

Siemens said it has redesigned the phones' software and is waiting for its approval by network operators before offering it for use, which is expected next month.

Truck toll on track

BERLIN — Germany's off-delayed satellite truck-toll system is now being successfully tested and is on track to be put in place by Jan. 1, 2005, officials said in published reports Saturday.

The system, being designed and implemented by the Toll Collect consortium made up of DaimlerChrysler, Deutsche Telekom and France's Cofiroute, is to use Global Positioning System satellites to track the distance trucks travel on toll roads and mobile phone equipment to transmit billing data.

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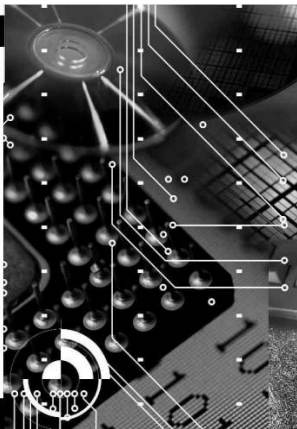


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FBI probes alleged spying at Pentagon

BY CURT ANDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating whether a Pentagon analyst fed to Israel secret materials about White House deliberations on Iran. The investigation could strain U.S.-Israeli relations and muddy the Bush administration's Middle East policy.

No arrests have been made, said two federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. A third law enforcement official, also speaking anonymously, said an arrest in the case could come as early as next week.

Two of those officials raised the possibility the government might not bring espionage charges, but rather lesser ones that could include the mishandling of sensitive government material.

The officials refused to identify the Pentagon employee under investigation but said the person is an analyst in the office of Douglas J. Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, the Pentagon's No. 3 official.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, traveling with President Bush on a campaign visit in Dayton, Ohio, said he was not in a

Analyst may have fed Israel info on U.S. policy toward Iran

position to discuss a continuing investigation.

"Obviously, any time there is an allegation of this nature, it's a serious matter," he said.

The Pentagon said in a statement the investigation involves an employee at "the desk officer level, who was not in a position to have significant influence over U.S. policy. Nor could a foreign power be in a position to influence U.S. policy through this individual."

One of the law enforcement officials said the person was not in a policy-making position but had access to extremely sensitive information about U.S. policy toward Iran.

The Pentagon said Friday night it had cooperated with the Justice Department for "an extended period of time."

David Siegel, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, said, "We categorically deny these allegations. They are completely false and outrageous."

Feith is an influential aide to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld who works on sensitive policy issues including U.S. policy toward Iraq and Iran. Feith's office includes a group assigned specifically to work on Iran.

The investigation centers on whether the Pentagon analyst passed secrets about U.S. policy on Iran to the main pro-Israeli lobbying group in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which then was said to have given the secrets to the Israeli government, one official said. Both AIPAC and Israel deny the allegations.

In Israel, the chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee said Saturday that Israel worries about Iran's nuclear policies. But Yuval Steinir said he is confident the government has not abandoned a 20-year-old decision not to spy on the United States.

Bush has identified Iran as part

of an "axis of evil," along with North Korea and the Iraqi government, in a speech last year.

Yet his administration has battled internally over how hard a line to take toward Iran.

The State Department generally has advocated more moderate positions. More conservative officials in the Defense Department and some at the White House's National Security Council have advocated tougher policies.

Israel, one of the United States' strongest allies, has worked behind its conservative prime minister, Ariel Sharon, to push the United States toward a tougher stance against Iran. The Israeli tactics have raised questions whether inside information may have been used to try to influence U.S. policy.

AIPAC said in a statement that the lobbying group was "fully cooperating with the governmental authorities and will continue to do so." It said any allegation of criminal conduct by the group or its employees was "baseless and false."

The Pentagon investigation has included wiretapping and surveillance and searches of the suspected Pentagon employee's computer, the law enforcement officials said.

Despite the close U.S.-Israeli relations, this is not the first allegation of spying on Israel's behalf.

Jonathan Pollard, a former naval intelligence officer, was convicted of giving top-secret documents to Israel in the mid-1980s. He continues to be a point of contention in U.S.-Israeli relations. The Israeli government has repeatedly pressed for his release, but intelligence officials have called the information he passed to the Israelis highly damaging.

Pollard was caught in Washington in November 1985, and was arrested after unsuccessfully seeking refuge at the Israeli Embassy.



Feith



Pollard

N.Y. subway plot uncovered

NEW YORK — Two men have been arrested in connection with an alleged plot to bomb a subway station in midtown Manhattan, sources said early Saturday.

At least one of the men may have an affiliation with a terrorist organization, according to two law enforcement sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The sources said the group in question was not believed to be al-Qaida.

The men appeared to be acting independently, and there was no evidence that the alleged plot to bomb the subway station at 34th Street was an attempt to disrupt

the Republican National Convention, which is taking place a block away, the sources said.

The two men tried get explosives to bomb the station but did not succeed in obtaining any, the sources said. There was no timeline for the plot, which was first reported by WNBC early Saturday.

Florida touchscreen voting debate

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A state rule barring the 15 Florida counties with touchscreen voting from conducting manual recounts is at odds with state law, which requires hand recounts in some close elections, a judge ruled Friday.

A coalition including government watchdogs and other interest groups sued the state, arguing the law requires provisions for hand recounts in every county, no matter what voting technology is used.

With a primary election Tuesday and more than half the state's voters in counties that use touchscreens, it is not clear what those counties will do.

Secretary of State Glenda Hood, who issued the ruling preventing manual recounts in touchscreen counties in April, was considering appealing Friday's decision, a spokeswoman said. An appeal would keep Hood's rule in place.

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GOP strategists urge shift to the future at convention

BY RON FOURNIER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nervous Republicans are urging President Bush to unveil a robust second-term agenda at his convention next week to shift voters' focus from the unpopular war in Iraq and other issues that are a distraction to his re-election drive. Some contend the party should ditch the Iraq-fueled controversy over rival John Kerry's combat record in Vietnam.

"If he gets on the future and effectively talks about the challenges that are ahead that only he can meet, then he'll be fine," said Joe Gayford, a Republican strategist from Washington.

"But if this campaign continues to be about Vietnam and the past, I don't think he's going to do so fine. I think it's a little dicey."

As they packed their bags for the trip to New York, several convention delegates and GOP operatives said they had hoped Bush would be comfortably ahead of the Democratic challenger by now.

They still like Bush's chances against Kerry, the party faithful said, but only if Bush takes full advantage of the convention spotlight. They offered a wide range of advice, including:

■ Condemn Kerry's 19-year record in the Senate, and perhaps even his stint as lieutenant gover-

nor and prosecutor in Massachusetts.

■ Remind voters of Bush's performance after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, which produced the highest approval ratings of his presidency.

■ Defend his first-term record, but not so much that it overshadows his vision for a second term.

The good news for the White House is the convention script hits each of those marks.

The bad news is that the advice reflects a concern among Republicans that Bush is more vulnerable than they would like — certainly more exposed to a Nov. 2 defeat than they ever thought possible before the Iraq war.

"There has been a lot of noise out there, with Iraq and even this Vietnam stuff," said Terry Greenleider, a Delaware Republican in Madison, Wis. "He hasn't been able to talk about his accomplishments, or, more importantly, his solutions to the problems people are facing."

Sig Rogich, a Republican strategist in Nevada, said Bush has to take the fight to Kerry.

"I don't think the campaign has done the best job of defining John Kerry yet," Rogich said. "I think the best is yet to come."

Many voters have soured on the war in Iraq, and their discontent has hurt Bush's approval ratings. With the death toll of U.S. troops nearing 1,000, several of the Republicans said Bush's political team doesn't realize how angry and anxious Americans are over Iraq. Each death dominates local news, often in a battleground state.

Bush acknowledged Thursday in an interview that he miscalculated the postwar scenario in Iraq. And the president comes to his convention with some wind at his back. Polls show he is tied or slightly ahead of Kerry, who focused his nominating convention on his valorous Vietnam War record. The tactic helped Kerry narrow Bush's advantage on who would best protect the nation, but polls show those gains have eroded amid unproven allegations, leveled by a Republican-funded veterans group, that the Democrat exaggerated his combat record.

Several Republicans said they'd rather see the issue go away.

"My hope is that, come Monday, the Vietnam thing will be submerged and voters will be focusing on the president and his agenda," said Charlie Black, a Republican strategist in Washington.

Bush



Patrol crafts from the Coast Guard, one of the varied government entities providing security for the Republican Convention in New York this week, maneuver in a demonstration in the Hudson River on Thursday.

Diverse agencies pitch in to secure New York

BY TOM HAYS
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Worried about security at the Republican National Convention? Rest easy: The Environmental Protection Agency is on the job. So are the North American Aerospace Defense Command and the U.S. Postal Service. The Coast Guard, too.

While the Secret Service and New York Police Department have the most visible roles in convention security, other agencies not normally associated with securing political events have devoted personnel, equipment and expertise to preventing a repeat of the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City.

"This is the most we've been involved in a political convention," said EPA spokeswoman Mary Meers. "But we live in a different world than we did four years ago."

The EPA and dozens of other federal, state and local agencies were drafted by the Secret Service to play largely behind-the-scenes roles in a security plan that is considered unprecedented in its size and scope.

Among the security team's less obvious players is the North American air command, or NORAD, which will secure air

space over the convention with patrols by Air Force fighter pilots. In New York Harbor, the Coast Guard plans to set a new underwater 3-D sonar system to scan pier walls and ship bottoms for mines and other explosives.

The Postal Service will use its police force to protect the media center at the post office opposite Madison Square Garden. Officers from Amtrak and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority will check for suspicious packages on commuters trains entering Penn Station beneath the arena.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has assigned bomb-sniffing dogs to the convention. It also will deploy one of its four national response teams, comprised of explosive experts.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, which usually does out aid during natural disasters, says it will "pre-deploy" its emergency personnel to Manhattan on standby.

The EPA will respond to any environmental and health threats with mobile laboratories staffed with physicists and other experts who can quickly measure levels of radiation and airborne chemicals.

Democrats set for counteroffensive

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Democrats have come to town to prick rhetorical balloons at the Republican National Convention.

The party set up its counter-convention headquarters a half dozen blocks from Madison Square Garden on Friday and wasted no time registering its dissent from the GOP's proceedings.

Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe criticized President Bush on every front — rising health care costs, a rush to war, 1.8 million private sector job losses,

and more — in introducing his team's slogan for the GOP convention, "Mission Not Accomplished." A bold new billboard at Times Square carried the same message.

"I like to use a sledgehammer when a scalpel will do," McAuliffe said cheerfully.

About 50 Democratic staff members plus volunteers will man the center during the convention, trying to make sure that no assertion or hurrah by Republicans will go unopposed. Republicans ran a similar operation outside the Democratic convention in Boston.

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Three students killed in Ole Miss frat fire

BY HOLBROOK MOHR

The Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — A fire swept through a fraternity house at the University of Mississippi early Friday, killing three students during the first week of classes, school officials said.

Twenty other students and a house mother escaped the two-story, brick- and wood-frame Alpha Tau Omega house as giant flames and thick smoke quickly spread through the building.

Fred Cummings, a member of the Ole Miss cross country team who was out running at 6 a.m., said the smoke was so thick "I would choke you up" a mile away. "When we saw it, the flames were about two stories above the building," he said.

A fraternity member who was not at the house when the fire occurred said fellow members told him they woke up coughing and found smoke "everywhere."

"They said they just ran out as fast as they could, to get out of that building as

fast as possible," said Sean Weidlein, of Middleburg, Va.

There were no reports of injuries. University spokesman Jeff Alford said authorities believed the fire started in the fraternity house's living area, but the cause was not immediately known.

Alford said the house had undergone a routine fire inspection Aug. 17 that found problems including a lack of fire extinguishers in the kitchen area, paint stored in the basement and doors blocked with mattresses. Alford said no citation was issued to the fraternity.

Alford identified two victims as William Townsend, 19, of Clarksville, and Jordan Williams, 20, of Atlanta, both sophomores majoring in accounting.

Alford said the body of the third victim had not been identified. He said the last missing student was Howard Stone, 19, of Martinsville, Va., a sophomore political science major.

Among the survivors, "things are pretty rough right now," Weidlein said.



OXFORD (MISS.) EAGLE/AP

Alpha Tau Omega members are reflected in a window as they watch their fraternity house burn at the University of Mississippi in Oxford on Friday. Three students died in the blaze.

Galen Sprague of Watertown, Mass., eats a cheeseburger in Boston.

Twelve states now have laws preventing consumers from suing restaurants over medical conditions associated with weight gain.

AP



Anti-fat-suit laws carry weight in several states

BY IRA DREYFUSS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bills to protect restaurants and food companies against lawsuits by people who claim the meals or snacks made them fat are moving ahead in the states like hamburgers passed out a drive-thru window.

Measures known as "cheeseburger bills" bar people from seeking damages in court from food companies for weight gain and associated medical conditions, including heart disease and diabetes.

Supporters say the proposals shield businesses from having to pay to defend themselves against frivolous suits. Opponents contend the claims often are valid and ought to be heard in court.

Two cases against McDonald's accused the company of causing obesity in thousands of children. In dismissing the cases last year, U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet in New York said consumers ought to know that eating lots of fast food can make them fat and that they cannot sue courts to "protect them from their own excesses."

That ruling has not stopped lawyers from holding conferences on how to win such claims. Also, the possibility of a legal defeat haunts the food industry, whose leaders say they should not be held responsible for people's eating decisions.

Many lawmakers agree.

So far this year, a dozen states have enacted laws against such suits, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. But efforts at passing a national shield have faltered in Congress.

The issue is politically charged. Republicans say companies need protection from greedy lawyers. Democrats say that the courts should decide whether the cases are worth hearing.

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Grass, dirt fly at lawn mower race

Enthusiasts strive to be a cut above the rest at Virginia event

BY GARREN SHIPLEY

The Northern Virginia Daily

BERRYVILLE, Va. — They didn't get much moving done, but the crowd didn't seem to mind.

Drivers of the ABNORMAL racing series recently took to the track for the second year in a row in races that made their lawn mowers look more like lawn killers.

ABNORMAL — the Appalachian Blue Ridge and Northern Virginia Outlaw Racing Mower League — is a collection of local racing enthusiasts who use converted lawn tractors to fulfill their need for speed.

With no governors to limit engine RPMs, smaller real wheels, chopped suspensions and the oc-

casional modified drive system, dozens of tractors plowed around the show ring at the Clarke County Fair in a cacophony of revving engines, backfiring exhaust and cheering fans.

Each machine threw rooster tails of sod and dirt into the air with each lap, leaving a cloud of dust where the track was dry and a spray of grass where it wasn't.

A number of machines at the event looked like they were just a couple of blades away from going back to full-time lawn maintenance.

But for others, part of the fun is having people look at your pride and joy.

"General" Jeff Lam from Winchester has a lot to be proud of.

Lam's hand-built tractor is a detailed replica — as much as a



Tom Bartys Sr. of Culpeper, Va., tips but manages to stay on the track and win the valve-and-block class of the lawn mower races at the Clarke County Fairground in Virginia earlier this month.

lawn mower can be — of the Duke boys' pride and joy, the General Lee.

"It took me six months to build

it," said Lam, getting ready for the start of the Overhead Valve Class race. "I started out with \$3,500 in it ... and I fabricated everything else."

But the circuit hasn't been on the big car, er, lawn mower show.

Lam has flipped his mower in competition twice this year — going end over end more than once.

Competitors wear helmets and neck braces. But at the end of the day, they're still sitting exposed on a lawn mower.

Track conditions were marginal on Aug. 20; rain earlier in the week had left the ground spongy in places.

A number of drivers found the soft patches too late and lost control of their machines, winding up outside the small infield or outside the hay bales on the edge of the track.

But it was Clearbrook's John Harden, driver of the No. 33, who took the most impressive tumble of the evening.

After spending the first few laps of the race near the front, Harden spun out.

With some hard driving, he was moving toward the front again when he had another wheel problem — the right front broke off.

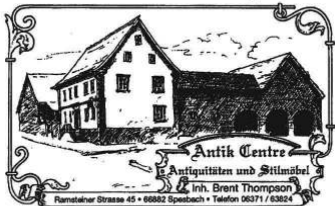
The frame dug into the soft ground, sending him tumbling over the wheel and bringing out the longest caution of the day.

Harden walked away, but his mower wasn't so lucky. It took three guys to cart the machine off the track after the race.

In hindsight, there was only one way to prevent the accident, he said, but it's something no driver was willing to do.

"Slow down," he said.

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Sunday Horoscope

The full moon in spiritual Pisces emphasizes our need to believe fully in something — anything really, as long as it brings us hope. The outpouring of emotion that will probably occur affects our relationships and the way we feel about ourselves in the world. It may seem during to imagine that things are perfect as they are, but it's just may be true.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 29). In this year of increased responsibility and prestige, social rewards spur you on when you need encouragement. Cash flow improves through September because of your assertive moves. A lucky break comes in October. Amorous vibes fall fast teach you more about what you really want out of life. The best signs for romance are Gemini and Aries.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love is a push-and-pull game; you'll feel better if you push less and let a sweetheart come to you. Insight and imagination are readily available to you. You'll be inspired to break your own records. Condition a new habit, or train a pet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Let go of petty concerns, and face the real issue. By making your own decisions at a higher priority, you handle problems. Work on your physical self is never a waste, so allow yourself time to exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Dreams you hold close to your heart in the past are now resurfacing — how could you have forgotten? Now that you're back in touch, you're also very attractive to anyone who can help you move forward making your dreams real.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's lucky to change your plans, especially if you have a funny feeling. You're struck with interesting notions this afternoon. Share your ideas with a group. Children thrive with more to do and be accountable for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You show generous appreciation to others all the time, and now, it's your turn to shine. A promise you make

must soon be fulfilled. Develop new habits for dealing with stress. Tonight, financial opportunities are right under your nose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Close relationships of all kinds are strengthened. There's nothing more exhilarating than being freshly in love. Do go and be careful not to do on and on about it to people who simply can't relate. A Sagittarius is an accepting friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's time to review — a necessary process in your personal evolution. When you look back and make an effort to employ what you learned long ago, you can avoid pitfalls, both financial and social.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars favor trying something impossible. Learning to overcome your fear of rejection is a simple process — get rejected a few times, so you no longer fear it. Confidence grows when others respond to spontaneity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are dynamic but need to listen as much as you talk. Diplomacy helps secure your financial situation. Share your burdens. Don't worry about whether or not you have done enough — you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take the direct route to what you want instead of hedging around. The more elaborate the plan, the more likely it is to get muddled and misguided. You shine in any social situation you encounter, so relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be wary of anyone trying to control you with rules. Singles: A love interest is now available and ready to take a chance. All kinds of partnerships show improvement. Someone who owes you money pays up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Events unfold in the perfect order, so let go of the need to manipulate them. Avoid dealing intellectually with an emotional situation. Keep close to a friend who brings out the best in you, and avoid tumultuous influences.

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Pay price of 'king's shilling'

I was watching an old movie the other day when I heard one of the actors say, "When you take the king's shilling, you march to his commands." Having never heard this phrase before, I am curious as to its origin and meaning. I assume it has something to do with a British army enlistee's surrendering his freedom of choice. You can find the track record regarding this old, seemingly outdated phrase. According to Webster's Third New International Dictionary, the "king's shilling" is "a shilling whose acceptance by a recruit from a recruiting officer constituted until 1879 a binding enlistment in the British army." References to this payment date back at least to 1707. "He did take a shilling,

but not with any intent of listing," wrote one 18th-century essayist, and in 1852, the novelist William Thackeray told of "a fellow" who was jilted by his mistress, and took the shilling in despair." The designation "king's shilling" is not recorded until the late 19th century. It has continued to be a familiar phrase in British English. The meaning of the quotation you've provided is of course clear: Once you accept payment for a service, you must be prepared to provide that service or suffer the consequences.

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Leaving marriage to a alcoholic is best move for wife to make

Dear Abby: I'm writing about the letter you printed from "Fed Up in Richmond, Texas," whose husband's idea of an evening out or a day off is getting drunk. I hope she takes your advice to go to Al-Anon.

I fell in love and married a man who exhibited similar drinking behavior. It became worse during the 30 years we were together. I was verbally abused, humiliated and, at the end, feared for my safety as well as the children's.

I was very naive. He convinced me that I was crazy, threatened my family and threatened to take off with the children if I left. At age 40, I finally found the courage and strength to do it.

It took lots of counseling, but I now understand that I was caught up in his sickness. I regret that I wasted my youth on this man. I hope "Fed Up" opens her eyes and won't be caught up like I was in what domestic violence counselors call "the honeymoon cycle." The way you bring his behavior to his attention, he promises he'll change, it's a great moment or so — and then he starts drinking

High-medical buzz isn't a safe alternative to alcohol

Dear Annie: I am a recovering alcoholic who stopped drinking five years ago. Life was great until I realized that I could get a buzz from cough medicine. Also, I'm convinced the abuse is making me more creative.

I'm a professional living alone, so I have to be one to answer to. I don't want the "high" to sound too appealing. The downside is becoming more obvious, and now three years later, I can barely keep my head above water. I'm sure I am messing myself up physically as well. Can you tell me more about the damage I am doing?

—Addicted
in South Carolina
Dear Addicted: Some cough medicines contain a drug that, in high doses, acts as a hallucinogen or dissociative agent. As you build up a tolerance, you will need more and more of it to get the same high.

Here's the downside: Common effects include confusion, dizziness, blurred vision, slurred speech, abdominal pain, nausea, irritability and visual hallucinations, vomiting, loss of muscle control, seizures and loss of

again. I look back over those years and see a bad movie filled with heartache for me and my children.

It wasn't easy, but it has been worth it. I am now treated with the love and respect I deserve.

My children and I are happier than we've ever been. I'm a stronger person now, and we're blessed with a wonderful man who saw us through outrageous court battles, restraining orders, stalking and intimidation tactics.

"Fed Up" deserves love and respect, too. But she and her child won't get it from her spouse if she doesn't DEMAND it. Use her strength, courage and no regrets.

—Reborn in Portland, Ore.
Dear Reborn: I, too, hope that "Fed Up" will take your letter to heart and find help before her husband's problem escalates to the point that your husband's *did*. Addicted problems cannot be ignored. If the problem isn't addressed, it doesn't "level off"; it grows worse until the addiction takes over the lives of everyone around the addict. I'm pleased that you finally found the strength to free yourself and your children. Thank you for writing.

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consciousness. Although long-term effects are just now being studied, there is some evidence linking abuse to dental decay, memory loss, speech problems, hand tremors and personality changes.

Please try Narcotics Anonymous (www.na.org), P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, Ca. 91409.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Perplexed in Pennsylvania," who was upset because she received a bridal shower invitation asking for cash gifts. I don't find anything wrong with this. My fiancé and I did the same together and had all the usual household items, so I had a coin shower. We wanted to remodel our house, so cash money was much more useful than a bunch of kitchen utensils.

Let us enjoy ourselves. It is our wedding, and it's the difference we ask for money or return all the unwanted gifts?

—To the Point in Wisconsin
Dear Wisconsin: The point of a bridal shower is to help the new couple set up their home. Since you've done that, the hostess can plan a gourmet food shower, a wine shower, or even an entertainment shower with tickets to restaurants and concerts. These gifts should be mementos of the

Dear Abby: I'm 14 and my name is "Pearl." I just found out that I might have chlamydia. I really like this guy and I need to know if I should tell him. What should I do? I am a little scared. Please answer soon.

—Needs to Know in Lancaster, Calif.

Dear Needs to Know: You should be examined by a doctor right away. If you do indeed have chlamydia, your partner must be notified so he can also be treated.

Ask your mother to schedule an appointment for you. If you cannot talk to her about this, then call the county health department and ask for the location of the nearest clinic where you can be treated confidentially. DO NOT PUT IT OFF. If you have chlamydia and aren't treated, it could cause fertility problems for you in the future.

Since you are sexually active, it is important that you learn to protect yourself against an unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases so that you are not reinfected or infect others.

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Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Cambridge, Mass.," who said her husband told his mother personal things about their life together, including every medication she was taking. My husband did the same thing. He'd tell his mother what he then blabbed to the entire family.

When I needed a biopsy done, I made my husband promise, he would tell no one, and he said, "Sure, real. Two months later, my mother-in-law asked how the biopsy went. I became quite angry and said to the man I'd been married to for over 30 years, "I trusted you, and you crushed my soul. I won't repeat that mistake."

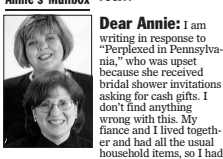
My husband never understood me at all, his betrayal, but I never confided in him again. Thank you for saying that trust is the bottom line in a marriage.

—Better Now in Worcester, Mass.
Dear Worcester: Some people cannot keep their mouths closed. Most do not necessarily mean any harm, but it hurts nonetheless.

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Rick Lamborn, center, director of Single Focus Atlanta, speaks with Hooters servers Heather Madison, left, and Erika Goepfert during a Bible study session in Kennesaw, Ga. Lamborn's group has been meeting at the ribald restaurant once a week for the past four years.

Christian group meets at unusual location: Hooters

By LOUISE CHU

The Associated Press

KENNESAW, Ga. — Voices hush around a patio table as Rick Lamborn poses his first discussion question during a Christian youth group meeting at a popular restaurant.

The topic this night is consistent relationships, and Lamborn begins by asking the college-age group, "How does inconsistency negatively affect your relationships with others?"

As responses sprinkle in, a blonde in a tight white tank top and orange hot pants quietly scoots up to the table. She joins the discussion for a few minutes, then has to scurry back to her boisterous customers inside.

Interactions like these, that bring faith to the uninitiated, are one of the reasons why Single Focus Atlanta has chosen to meet at a Hooters restaurant every week for the past four years.

"We've seen a few of the waitresses become Christians. One of the former managers here became a Christian. So it's worked. The whole object, in reality, is that this is just to get inside the door," said Lamborn, whose non-denominational group invites all those who are curious to join their Hooters sessions.

Some Bible study members initially resisted holding meetings at the restaurant known for its scantily clad waitresses.

"Somebody comes up to me and says, come to a Bible study at Hooters. And my first reaction was... I can see McDonald's or another restaurant, but why Hooters?" said 21-year-old Charles Bailor III.

But Bailor, who joined Single



Not a typical sight at Hooters: A Bible sits on a table at a Bible study group at the restaurant.

Focus two years ago, said he quickly began to appreciate the casual, nonjudgmental atmosphere at the meetings.

Single Focus, which has about 90 members, also holds a more traditional Bible study at a house each week, as well as mission

trips and ski retreats, but Lamborn said the Hooters gatherings provide an option for people who wouldn't necessarily accept an invitation to a church.

Lamborn left his job as a computer software technician two years ago to take over as full-time executive director of the group after its founder, Nelson Foster, who was a youth minister at several local churches, died in a car accident. Lamborn attends a Methodist church but is not a minister.

Still, some say Single Focus' presence at a Hooters sends a mixed message, since the overt sexuality of the restaurant doesn't fit with Christian ethics. Mike McNeill, spokesman for Atlanta-based Hooters of America, said the company's restaurants aren't usually host to Christian meetings, but "it's not our job to be judgmental of any group that comes in there. Our job is to wait on them and provide food, fun and great service."

Despite Hooters' recent attempts to reposition itself as a more family-friendly, it has been a frequent subject of protests. Social conservatives say the restaurant corrupts young children and attracts sexual predators, and feminists say it objectifies women.

Some criticism has also come from conservative Christians.

Terry Erickson, director of evangelism for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, a national campus ministry organization, questioned whether a Hooters Bible study could be effective.

The whole idea is wanting to go where people are at, but the question is, can the place where you're meeting, can it enhance what you're trying to accomplish or does it distract?" he said. "I think someone who comes to Hooters is looking for something else."

Church goes to the dogs to serve neighborhood

By ALBERTA LINDSEY

Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, Va. — Forest Hill Presbyterian Church hasn't gone to the dogs, but dogs are going to the church.

The canines don't go inside to pray and sing. They stay outside to play with their owners or rub noses with other dogs.

The church at 44th Street and Forest Hill Avenue in South Richmond recently opened Phideaux (pronounced Fido) Field, a fenced-in, off-leash dog park.

Part of a pet-ministries initiative, the idea grew out of a church-wide mission and ministries task force that also worked to enhance the music ministry, start a Sunday morning speaker series and enhance local and regional ministries.

An oversight board of church and neighborhood people is to monitor the park and set regulations.

"The church was thinking hard about ways we could become more engaged with the neighbor-

hood," said the Rev. Stephen Price-Gibson. "So many people in the neighborhood have pets, and they are very important to them."

Roger Clark, a church member and neighborhood resident, saw a need for the park because the city doesn't allow dogs in Forest Hill Park. The closest dog park to the neighborhood is across the Boulevard Bridge.

He used a parable from the Bible to sell his idea. "What happened to the servant who buried his talent and didn't use it?" he asked. "The message of that parable to the church is that Forest Hill has a major asset: A large front yard that's not used except to grow weeds."

The dog park is open daily from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., except during worship from 9 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

Park admission is free. But there are playground rules for canines and their people. The animal must have current rabies vaccinations and city license tags and be accompanied by an owner. People must clean up after their pets. No alcohol is allowed.

Man translates Quran to modern-day English

By RICHARD N. OSTLING

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When M.A.S. Abdel Haleem was a youngster in Egypt, all the boys in his school were required to memorize the entire Quran and were tested annually to make sure they maintained this knowledge.

The veteran University of London professor of Islamic studies says he obeys a promise to his father to read the Quran daily, and the childhood training means he doesn't need a printed text.

Haleem has put his lifelong immersion in the Quran and the Arabic language to good use the past seven years, working on a new Quran translation in English that appeared last month: "The Quran" (Oxford University Press).

It's hard to overstate the importance of the Quran, which defines the belief and conduct of a billion-plus Muslims, including a growing number of immigrants in English-speaking nations.

Unlike Christians with their Bibles, Muslims believe the Quran is Scripture only in Arabic because it existed in that form in heaven before it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. Only the Arabic is literally God's word and is always used in Quran quotations during rituals and sermons.

In times past, there were debates about whether it was even proper to translate the Quran. Early English versions came from non-Muslims. No Muslim produced an English Quran till the 20th century. But nowadays,

even strict Muslims promote English editions to aid "dawah" or proselytizing for "call," meaning missionary work.

Haleem says translations are essential so that Muslims in the West, including his own children and grandchildren, can remain knowledgeable. Georgetown University's Yvonne Haddad says most immigrants' children "can't read the Quran in Arabic. They may recite it, but they don't understand it."

As with the Bible, there are numerous English Qurans on the market, though experts say many have limitations.

While most English Qurans retain old-fashioned, King James-style English, Haleem employs 21st century language.

The Quran is cryptic, often requiring addition of parenthetical words that are not in the literal Arabic to explain the meaning.

Haleem also inserts "Prophet" in brackets so Islamic readers can distinguish between God's direct words to Muhammad and people in general. And Haleem says the meaning of words can differ between classical and modern Arabic.

That's only the beginning of the difficulties. Amila Butarwar of Toronto's York University says the Quran "is so rich, so complex, that even for Arabists and literary critics it is a phenomenal challenge," making any translation "highly problematic."

Haleem believes that in many instances, both Muslim extremists and outside opponents of Islam have seriously distorted the meaning of God's revelation.

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All American soldiers

To the writer of "National Guard training" (Aug. 17) who submitted his "2-cents worth" I think that it is ironic and humorous that you claim National Guard soldiers lack "responsibility, discipline and respect." You disrespected every National Guard soldier, including yourself, with that stereotypical statement.

You also claim that the Guard is looked down on by active duty, but you are wrong. I saw my active-duty drill sergeant from basic last month in Iraq. He asked me if I was National Guard. Foolsbly, I lowered my head and mumbled yes. He told me to get my chin up and said: "You're here now, aren't you? You're doing the same thing I am, right?"

He was right. Bottom line, we are all on the same team. We are all American soldiers making selfless sacrifices.

Furthermore, I am greatly offended that you made young college students the target of your tantrum. I am a 21-year-old who did enlist for college, but I can't imagine a better way to earn my education than by serving my country. I am proud to be here.

In April, I saw three of my young college student friends get shot during an ambush. One month after the ambush, two of them returned to duty. You would say that they "left the comfort of home where everything is done for them." In truth, they fought with the doctors to allow them to come back and join us in the fight. These are brave soldiers that the National Guard and active-duty components should be proud of.

P.C. Brandy A. Cottrill

Camp Navajo, Kuwait

AAFES censorship

In explaining why Army and Air Force Exchange Service theaters will not be showing "Fahrenheit 9/11" (Stars and Stripes, Aug. 17), AAFES spokesman Judd Anstey gave a disingenuous excuse for censorship. He cited a business decision and claimed it had nothing to do with the film's contentious political nature. Anstey compared the draw of "Bend It Like Beckham" (which grossed

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\$161,528 first week) with "Fahrenheit 9/11" (grossed \$24,078,959 first week), as if there were any parallel or relationship between the two films. You do the math.

Readers deserve more respect from an organization that serves those on the front lines defending our basic freedoms, which include freedom of speech and free exchange of ideas. AAFES did nothing to gain the trust of those serving our country honorably and perhaps should have remained silent instead of proffering a thinly veiled rationalization for censorship.

Our soldiers and civilians serving overseas deserve a fair and balanced coverage of the entire political spectrum. Partisan hacks may argue that "Fahrenheit 9/11" is bad for morale or may somehow encourage our enemies. I submit that by restricting the public's access to information, AAFES commits an egregious act of censorship and abridges one of our most prized freedoms.

Daren R. Morales

Heidelberg, Germany

Women also know the risks

The writer of the letter "Sending women to war wrong" (Aug. 15) is mistaken in his belief that only America has sent women to war. I know that women

from Australia's Royal Air Force as well as women from the Republic of Georgia have been here in Iraq. I know that Israeli women serve and fight in their military.

When he stated that "America's women are intelligent, brave, loyal, hard-working and patriotic," he contradicted his previous statement, "When women are encouraged to enlist... they have no idea what they are really getting into." I believe women are intelligent and I do not believe that any woman has enlisted without knowing there is a chance that she may have to go into combat. It is known that women have served in combat prior to this war.

If someone enlisted just for college benefits, schooling or an extra paycheck, be it a woman or a man, without knowing that there is a chance that he or she may have to go to war, they enlisted for the wrong reason. The Army is just that, an army. Women have fought for equal rights and have the right to enlist and fight alongside their fellow country person, be it a woman or a man. If a woman wants to be a pilot, serve in the infantry, in an armor division, a field medic or in the military police, is her decision, it is her right. It is tragic when anyone dies due to violence, woman or man, but they chose to serve in the military. God bless them.

W.S. Bader

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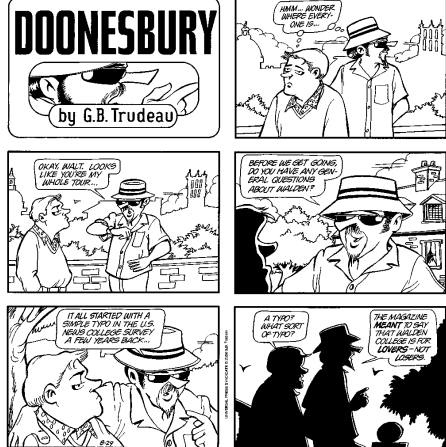
Female servicemembers shine

I was outraged when I read "Sending women to war wrong." The writer suggested that our nation sends its female servicemembers to war because we don't have enough men to do the job, and that women who join the armed forces "have no idea what they are really getting into."

I beg to differ. Our female soldiers are strong, highly trained and patriotic Americans with more than ample intelligence to understand that they may be asked to place their lives in danger. To suggest otherwise is insulting and ungrateful. I am sure that women in forward-deployed locations would rather that the writer simply thank them for their selfless service.

Angie McQuaig

Menwith Hill, England



OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

Three-star lapse in judgment
Los Angeles Times

A Defense Department investigation has found that a top Army general violated Pentagon rules with his anti-Muslim remarks to Christian groups, yet one Pentagon official dismissed the errors as "relatively minor." That obtuseness reflects a stunning inability to understand how much the comments have hurt the United States abroad.

It is unfathomable why Lt. Gen. William G. "Jerry" Boykin has been allowed to keep his job. When Boykin's remarks became known in October, President Bush limited himself to a tepid announcement that the comments about Muslims and Islam did not reflect his point of view or that of his administration. And Boykin soldiers on.

The general remains the deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence, the job he held while appearing in uniform to tell an Oregon religious group in June 2003 that radical Islamists hated the United States "because we're a Christian nation and Islam and the enemy is a guy named Satan." He told a Florida audience months earlier that a Muslim Somali warlord was captured because "I knew my God was bigger than his. I knew that my God was a real God and his was an idol."

Boykin's comments have been widely repeated in the Muslim world. They resonate with supporters of Osama bin Laden and other radical Islamic fundamentalists preaching a war between Islam and Christianity "crusaders" (also) Jews. Any time the flames of bigotry wane, a fundamentalist need only broadcast a tape of Boykin again and pretend he is making official U.S. policy, made clear by the fact that he holds the same job and wears the same uniform. U.S. Muslims have protested, for good reason.

Former National Defense University professor concluded that Boykin had failed to clear the speeches with the Pentagon, had not given a required statement that he was not speaking for the military and failed to report that a religious group paid for his travel. His punishment is unlikely to go beyond a written reprimand.

The comments would be bad enough from a buck private. From a three-star general whose job includes gathering information for the campaign against Islamic radicals, they are unforgivable. Let Boykin retire and speak out as much as he wants. But do not give others the chance to assume that the general speaks for the Pentagon, the administration and the nation.

Discounts a cut-rate idea
Chicago Tribune

Workers of the world, shop till you drop! Then belly up to a five-course meal! Say, how about a visit to a nice comedy club? That's how New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg might express his novel offer to the many protesters expected at the Republican National Convention.

In exchange for their promise to be peaceful, violence-free, mayor has announced, protesters can receive discounts at local restaurants, theaters and other tourist attractions — much like (although not as upscale as) the discount offers Republican delegates receive.

All a protester has to do is to wear a "peaceful political activist" pledge pin, available at city tourism offices, to receive the discounts.

It seems unlikely that hot-blooded, anarcho-socialists would moderate their outrage over global capitalism to receive a discount on a T-bone at Broadway Joe Steakhouse on 46th Street. Yet, even streetfighting men and women — should any actually surface in New York — eventually may want to take a guided walking tour of the city, shop for a



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new tattoo or perhaps take in a theater performance between arrests. At a healthy percentage off.

Right time for a new CIA
Erie (Pa.) Times-News

The chairman of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee has proposed that the Central Intelligence Agency be broken into three new ones.

Kansas Republican Pat Roberts says, "We are not abolishing the CIA. We are reorganizing and renaming its three major elements." No one agency, no matter how distinguished its history, is more important than U.S. national security." Well, breaking one agency into three sounds a lot like "abolishing" it, but let's not stumble over the term Roberts uses.

Roberts proposed that the CIA's "directorate" — operations, which employs spies; intelligence, which analyzes what the spies report; and technology, which provides the James Bond-like gizmos the spies use — each becomes a separate unit. The advantage? No agency would have a vested interest in skewering results. Those who collect won't analyze; those who analyze won't collect; and those who supply the equipment won't bother themselves about how it's used. They won't need to talk to each other. Presumably they'll talk to the intelligence czar.

... This proposal — revamping the obviously-flawed CIA is certainly worth considering — is worthy of serious, informed debate. It's worth having right now.

Unfortunately, America is not likely to get one before the Nov. 2 election. In fact, America probably won't get a debate until after Jan. 21, when the president (whatever he is) takes his oath of office and Congress gets back to business.

True, Americans deserve better, but realistically, they'll have to wait.

Screaming for better security
The Times Herald-Record,
Middletown, N.Y.

Edward Munch's painting "The Scream" is one of the most famous, most reproduced images on earth. In the rarefied world of art masterpieces, it is one of those works usually referred to as "priceless." That doesn't mean it has no value — \$100 million is the figure tossed around a lot — but rather that it's irreplaceable. So it's probably fortuitous that Munch painted four versions of "The

Scream" because thieves in Norway have had no trouble stealing two of them.

Is this any way to protect national treasures? Not only was the alarm at the museum silent, but also the guards, like many police in generally law-abiding Norway, were not armed. The paintings were attached to the wall only by a wire.

Armed guards? Metal detectors? Fastening the paintings to the walls more securely? Something more could have been done. There are ways to make art treasures available for public viewing without locking them up in vaults or putting them behind bullet-proof glass.

None may be 100 percent effective, but any would be better than what is in place today.

Something should be done before "The Scream" becomes truly irreplaceable.

A yen to reward Yang
The Courier, Russellville, Ark.

Supposedly, the Olympic Games are about athletes competing against the best in the world.

No doubt, in the Games taking place over in Athens, we've seen some fantastic performances in marquee events. Die-hard fans have been able to witness greatness in obscure sports as well.

Somewhere in the mix of athletics and pressure and training a lifetime for a few seconds comes intense nationalism. ... But, in the end, the Olympics are about the Games themselves and three-tiered successes (and failures).

That's why no matter how much Americans might support gymnast Paul Hamm, we have to acknowledge that he didn't win the all-around gold medal.

He has the medal, and he stood on the top step at the awards ceremony, but three judges made a mistake. They didn't count South Korean Yang Tae Young's parallel bars routine with as high a degree of difficulty as it deserved. Starting from a lower possible score, deductions brought Yang's score under Hamm's.

Bluntly, Yang should have won the medal. ... No judging error should keep him from having it.

Help mobile homes stay put
The Beaufort (S.C.) Gazette

While the death toll from Hurricane Charley was relatively small ... destruction of per-

sonal property was staggering — more than \$20 billion. If such a storm hit Beaufort County it would be especially painful to some of the same categories of people affected in Florida — the poor, the elderly and those who live in housing that government officials classify as mobile homes.

Insurance will help pay for much of Charley's destruction, but an estimated 30 percent to 50 percent may not be covered by insurance, which means total destruction of a family's finances and an inability to rebuild.

As Charley ripped through central Florida, one of the hardest hit were families who live in mobile or manufactured homes.

Although Florida has tie-down rules, which affect the stability of a housing unit in a storm ... news accounts described the mobile homes as bent and twisted pieces of metal.

Meteorologists predict that the 2004 hurricane season will be particularly active. For that reason, it would be reassuring that the people who live in mobile homes are warned to get out of the path of a storm and have transportation to safety.

For many it will take federal money to replace their homes.

Again, it would be reassuring that when the homes are replaced they could withstand winds of at least a Category 2 hurricane.

Monitor new overtime rules
The Post-Standard, Syracuse, N.Y.

On Monday, new overtime rules that could potentially affect millions of workers became effective. Just what kind of effect the regulations will have on employees is anybody's guess. The Bush administration says 1.3 million more workers will be eligible for overtime pay. Democrats and labor officials say the new rules could cost millions of workers to lose extra pay.

One thing seems certain. The new regulations were written as a new moon that leaves lots of room for interpretation and flexibility for employers.

The Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan organization, is convinced the rules will harm millions of workers. It says its constituents are supported by former Reagan, Bush I and Clinton administration labor officials.

Congress should carefully watch this grand experiment. If the overtime rules turn out only to benefit a small group of employees and hurt many more, lawmakers must quickly fix the flaws in the regulations. And they should work overtime to do so.

Camera watching

VA NORFOLK — A woman faces felony child-abuse charges after she was caught on camera at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters smothering her toddler until he lost consciousness, according to a police report.

Kendra Patrice Kirton, 27, was being held in Norfolk City two counts of felony child abuse. The second charge involved allegations of a similar incident on Aug. 19, police said.

Kirton's address was listed on documents as Virginia Beach, but a police spokesman said she may have been visiting from Florida.

The child, who police said was 18 months old, was turned over to Child Protective Services workers in Virginia Beach, according to police spokesman Chris Amos. He said the child was "in good health."

Kirton was charged after an incident at the hospital Monday, court records show.

A hospital spokeswoman declined comment on the case.

Kirton appeared in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on Wednesday and was denied bond. She is due back in court Oct. 12, court records said.

Commuter confusion

DC WASHINGTON — Metro officials plan to install 500 large and detailed bus maps throughout the city and Virginia and Maryland suburbs. They'll show routes, schedule information, a sub-regional bus system map and a bus service directory. Officials hope the maps will encourage ridership. Commuters have praised similar maps placed in downtown shelters.

Not-so-pure water

TX HOUSTON — Repeated tests show that water from Houston's new \$97 million water purification plant only sometimes meets the required standards for purity.

At other times, the process used to purify the water at the plant which began operating from Lake Houston in late June leaves it too dirty or with unacceptably high chemical levels.

"You can't drink it," David Berg, a local lawyer who chairs the Houston Area Water Corp. board that oversees the plant, told the Houston Chronicle for its Thursday editions. "I don't think in the long run this is going to be a problem, but right now we have a serious problem."

Forgot about his Glock

KY LOUISVILLE — A congressman who brought a loaded gun into Louisville International Airport received a 60-day jail sentence, but will not have to serve it unless he has other criminal troubles during the next two years.

Under terms of his plea agreement, Rep. John Hostettler, a Republican of Indiana, also has surrendered his Glock 9 mm semiautomatic handgun, which screeners found April 20 as he was heading for a U.S. Airways flight to Washington.

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At the time, Hostettler, who had a permit for the gun, said he had forgotten he had placed the gun in the briefcase.

Hostettler, who represents the 8th District in southwestern Indiana, did not attend Monday's sentencing hearing in Jefferson District Court in Louisville. He had reached the plea agreement earlier this month.

Under terms of his plea agreement, Hostettler, 43, also cannot carry a gun in Kentucky or buy a gun anywhere except in Indiana and the District of Columbia for the next two years.

Learned their lesson?

GA ATLANTA — A Georgia State University fraternity that had members in blackface at a party and a black student group that responded with a flyer that alluded to lynching will both be allowed back on campus after the groups agreed to apologize.

University officials said Tuesday that the two groups have reached an agreement that ends their suspensions from campus.

The agreement, announced by vice president for student services Hazel Scott, calls on Pi Kappa Alpha and the Black Student Alliance to apologize jointly to the school community and submit letters of apology to the student newspaper.

Pi Kappa Alpha also must implement a diversity and sensitivity training program and not permit any of its members to paint their faces black again.

The racial dispute began after

two fraternity members showed up in blackface at an off-campus hip-hop theme party in January. The alliance retaliated with a flyer using the fraternity's name on a picture depicting a Ku Klux Klan man and a man in blackface with a noose around his neck.

Risky businesses

NH CONCORD — State of New Hampshire's smallest businesses are being hit the hardest by a new law that allows health insurers to set rates based on such risk factors as age and health. Officials say businesses that employ fewer than 10 employees are experiencing extreme volatility in their rates. The law allows insurers to consider a company's location, type of business and health of its workers in setting premium rates for businesses with 50 or fewer employees.

Legacy of scholarship

IN WEST LAFAYETTE — A 22-year-old Purdue University student who plans to study in Germany has won a \$500 scholarship named after a Purdue graduate who died in March when a water taxi overturned in Baltimore Harbor.

Jonathan Osborn received the first Andrew Rocella Memorial Scholarship award during a reception Wednesday in West Lafayette.

He will spend the 2004-05 academic year at the University of Freiburg in Germany. Rocella, 26, died March 6 along with his girlfriend, fellow Purdue graduate Corinne J. Schilling, 26, of Alexandria, Va., and three other people when a water taxi they were riding in overturned in a sudden thunderstorm in Baltimore Harbor.

Edward and Eileen Rocella said they created the scholarship as a way to support Purdue's overseas programs and students wishing to study abroad. They said their son returned from a study abroad trip to Italy more appreciative of the world around him.

Sentence in baby's death

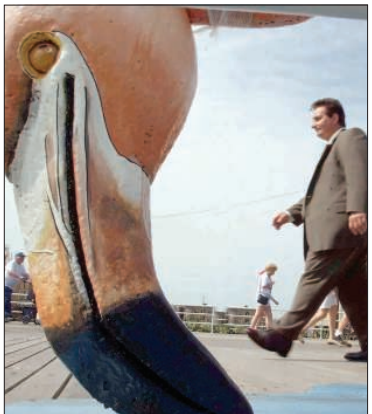
HI HONOLULU — A woman who pleaded no contest in connection with the death of her newborn baby by smoking crystal methamphetamine was sentenced to 10 years probation Wednesday.

The sentence handed down by Circuit Judge Michael Town was included in Tayshe Aiwah's plea agreement with prosecutors. She pleaded no contest to manslaughter June 18 for the death of her 2-day-old son, Treyson, in July 2001.

Resort bans butts

ME RUMFORD — A Maine ski resort banned smoking and other tobacco use beginning this winter, and other ski areas owned by the same non-profit will look into such bans.

The policy forbids use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes and chewing tobacco on the slopes, lifts, buildings and parking lots at Black Mountain of Maine Ski Resort. Visitors who violate the policy would be asked to leave. For workers, being tobacco-free on the job is a condition of employment.



Out for a stroll

An unidentified man walks past a pink flamingo sculpture on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J.



Source note

While he waits his turn backstage with the other contestants, Keith Adams grimaces as another contestant misses a high note during tryouts to sing the National Anthem for the Nashville Predators, in Nashville, Tenn.



Capitol renovation

Workers continue to remove the marble steps on the south face of Virginia's Capitol in Richmond, Va. The Capitol is undergoing a three-year, \$190 million renovation project. The steps were part of the original building, but were added during a renovation in 1904.



Who's up there?

A rock dove perches on the head of a statue of Jesus Christ outside Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Edinburg, Texas.



Black bears Cinnamon, left, and Dart play with each other at the California Living Museum in Bakersfield, Calif.

Roughhousing



Michaela Caruso, 5, of Saylorsburg, Pa., chows down on an ear of roasted corn at the West End Fair in Gilbert, Pa.

Mmmm, corn



Rosa Fernandez vacuums the floor as final preparations continue for the Republican Convention at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Tidying up

Tearing the roof off

MI VERMONTVILLE — A storm Wednesday ripped part of the roof off a high school and dropped it on the football field as children and parents were arriving for an orientation session, but no one was hurt.

Authorities said witnesses fled into a hallway at Maple Valley Junior/Senior High School near Vermontville after seeing a funnel cloud in the west. No one was injured.

Lawmaker: BUI, not DUI

NH DERRY — If you're going to drive home drunk, at least use a bicycle, a lawmaker says.

"It's better [to drive a bicycle drunk] than get home behind the wheel," said state Sen. Frank V. Sapareto, R-Derry. "They're going to get home one way or the other, and I'd rather they do it in a way that's not going to get people hurt on a bicycle or a skateboard, fine, so long as the person's not in a vehicle."

Sapareto said he will file a bill that would prohibit police from filing charges against people riding bikes while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. He introduced a similar measure last year, which failed.

Recently, Derry police charged a bicyclist with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Londonderry police charged a bicyclist with drunken driving last summer.

Circus debate

CO DENVER — The Big Top is back in Colorado, two weeks after Denver voters shot down an initiative that sought to ban circuses with exotic animal acts.

Once again, tigers, lions and elephants will perform age-old tricks to the delight of children and parents. And once again, animal-rights activists will be out to protest the use of exotic animals for human amusement.

The arrival of Carson & Barnes Circus in Castle Rock and Highlands Ranch this weekend follows Denver residents' 72 percent to 28 percent rejection of a ballot measure on Aug. 10 to ban exotic animal acts.

Prankster can't fool GPS

RI PROVIDENCE — State police used Global Positioning System technology embedded in a cell phone to track down and arrest a man suspected of making 1-800 obscene phone calls to 911 operators over the past two months.

Police arrested Kenneth Iasimone, 41, who was dubbed "Porno Man" at the Emergency 911 headquarters. Iasimone allegedly called 911 on a cell phone he had bought using the fake name "Tony Soprano."

Raymond LaBelle, executive director of Rhode Island's E-911, said the man sometimes called four to 10 times a day.

"He would call and use some dirty language and play a pornographic film in the background," LaBelle said.

Worse than flying coach

FL MIAMI — A Cuban woman tucked herself inside a wooden crate the size of a small filing cabinet and had herself

shipped from the Bahamas to Miami aboard a cargo plane.

The woman, whose name was not released, will be allowed to stay in the United States. A cargo crew found her curled up inside the crate after unloading it late Tuesday at the Miami airport.

"Certainly she's lucky to be alive," said Zach Mann, spokesman for Customs and Border Protection.

Bad representation

TX RICHMOND — After opting to defend himself, a 52-year-old minister convicted of biting a police officer during a traffic stop has been sentenced to two years in prison.

Probation was not legally possible for Rev. Curtis Lucas because he didn't file an application for probation before the trial and did not offer any evidence during the trial that he was eligible for it.

"I admonished you about the risks of representing yourself," state District Judge Thomas R. Culver III said when he gave the minimum punishment to Lucas in a Fort Bend County court on Wednesday. "I am giving you this sentence not because you are a bad man but because you made bad decisions."

Culver told Lucas, pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Richmond, that by not following normal legal procedures concerning probation, Culver was left with few options.

Culver ordered that Lucas be brought back to his court in 40 days and the judge would consider if Lucas was eligible for another form of probation after serving some prison time.

Shields not shy

TN MEMPHIS — The city's police and fire departments are investigating charges that employees were part of a fashion show that included stripping and simulated sex.

Sunday's event, "Battle of the Shields: Memphis Firefighter and Police Fashion Gala," came under fire after a columnist from The Commercial Appeal wrote that she saw nearly nude men on stage, their private parts covered in soap-suds.

At least two women, Wendi C. Thomas wrote, were "hoisted in the air, their legs around men's waists."

At least one person swung a badge, and others wore department pants and held nightsticks, she wrote.

A show organizer told Thomas all the models were from the police and fire departments.

Finally exposed

NY MINEOLA — A man who fled to San Marino and hid for more than a decade after he was convicted of killing two people while drag racing on Long Island has been sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.

Ugo Berardi, 70, a native of San Marino, was sentenced in 1992 in the deaths of Marc Singer, 38, and her mother, Sarah Gerstein, 71. Berardi had been drag racing with a teenager when he collided with the victims' car on Nov. 26, 1990. Singer's father, David Gerstein, who suffered vision loss and paralysis in his left arm in the crash, has since died.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

YOUR MONEY

Less money is still reason to celebrate

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, Susie landed a good job.

On Friday morning, I met with Mrs. Thompson and she said Mr. Mickey authorized her to offer me \$15 an hour to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It was a bit of a pay cut from the computer store check home, but at least it was a paycheck doing something I enjoyed. And hey, if I missed them, it might lead to more. I accepted the offer and agreed to start the following week.

I was really excited when I hung up with Mrs. Thompson and I had to tell someone. I had to tell more to call Jake at work, I couldn't wait until dinner to tell him. I called his shop and they said he was not available. I had to leave a message asking him to call me back since I didn't want to leave a personal message.

"Then I called Maggie. She picked up on the first ring. 'Maggie, it's Susie. Guess what?' I asked. 'You found a shoe sale?' she joked.

"Even better," I replied. "I got the job at the NEX."

"That's great!" she exclaimed. "Let's celebrate and have dinner tonight. I still have everything for my famous Casserole de la Maggie. Jim went to some promotion presentation last night at the last minute and I didn't go through the trouble to make dinner for myself."

"See you at six," I said. "I'll bring the salad and make my favorite cherry cheesecake."

Jake called me back an hour later. I told him about the job and dinner. He congratulated me and thanked me for calling. He was having a tough day and he was grateful for some good news to cheer him up.

After I hung up with Jake, I went to the store and bought the ingredients for my cheesecake and the salad. When I came home I started cooking immediately. I needed an hour and a half to make the cheesecake and it had to chill in the fridge before I served it.

When the cake was finished, I left it in the pan to carry it to Maggie's. Then, I emptied the cherry topping from the can into my Tupperware container to make it look as if I made it from scratch. When dessert time came, I planned to break the cake out of the pan and spoon on the topping for effect. Mom always said presentation was 90 percent of the meal.

Dinner was delicious. Casserole de la Maggie was almost evil it was so good. When it came time for dessert, my plan worked like a charm. The boys both had seconds and Maggie asked me for my cheesecake recipe. I only agreed if she would swap the Casserole de la Maggie recipe.

Next week, the Besaws and the Warrens talk about investing and insurance.

Copies of Ralph Nelson's books — "The Savvy Sailor" and "The Savvy Naval Officer" — can be purchased by writing to Master Plan Inc., 500 N. Washington St., P.O. Box 10071, Rockville, MD 20849 or online at www.savvysailor.com. This article is written and the book is sold with the understanding that neither the author nor Stars and Stripes are professional financial advisers. If you need advice, please seek professional assistance. The author specifically disclaims any liability, legal or risk, personal or otherwise — incurred as a consequence, directly or indirectly, of using or applying any of the information contained in this article or the book. E-mail for feedback is: finance@stripes.oid.mil

Money U.



Ralph Nelson

Teaching children to tip

Kids, especially teens, need to know the art of gratuities. Paying money to someone for performing a service is a skill that requires practice — just like learning to drive a stick shift or tie a necktie. The fact that many adults don't know the best way about tipping doesn't help the younger generation. Many adults either tip inadequately, inappropriately or not at all.

When you go to dinner with your kids let them calculate the amount of the tip (generally 15 percent of the total check at a sit-down restaurant). Or when traveling with your family, point out the need to tip the baggage handler at the curbside check-in, the hotel maid who cleans your room and turns down the bed, and the tour guide who showed you the sights. You don't have to be the host of the big spenders either. Even putting spare change in the jar at the ice cream parlor is a way of showing appreciation.

From wire reports



Lynne Wenberg, of Boeing, holds a remote-control sporty red helicopter/car hybrid engineers created, at the Museum of Flight in Seattle last week. Wenberg, senior manager on the project, said the goal is to make a flying car that costs the same as a luxury vehicle, is quiet and fuel-efficient, and is easy to fly and maintain.

Rising above gridlock

Scientists look at ways to make flying cars a reality

BY ALLISON LINN

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — It's a frustrated commuter's escape fantasy: literally lifting your car out of a clogged highway and soaring through the skies, landing just in time to motor into your driveway.

Researchers stress that the ultimate dream — an affordable, easy-to-use vehicle that could allow regular people to fly 200 miles to a meeting and also drive 15 miles to the mall — still is probably decades away.

But engineers at NASA, Boeing Co. and elsewhere say the basis for a flying car is there. People have been building, or trying to build, such vehicles for decades.

The problem is, those ideas have generally required both a lot of money and the skills of a trained pilot. And melding cars and planes hasn't always been very successful.

"When you try to combine them you get the worst of both worlds: a very heavy, slow, expensive vehicle that's hard to use," said Mark Moore, who heads the personal air vehicle division of the vehicle systems program at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

The goal isn't just to create a neat gizmo: These vehicles will become more appealing — and necessary — as highways and airport hubs grow more clogged, and commutes more distant.

At NASA, the first goal is to transform small airplane travel.

Right now, really small airplanes are generally costly, uncomfortable and loud and require months of training and lots of money to operate; that makes flying to work impractical for most people.

Within five years, NASA researchers hope to develop technology for a small airplane that can fly out of regional airports, costs less than \$100,000, is as quiet as a motorcycle and as simple to operate as a car. Although it wouldn't have any road-driving ca-

capabilities, it would give regular people the ability to fly short distances.

To make flying simpler, NASA is working on technologies that would automate more pilot's functions.

In 10 years, NASA hopes to have created technology for going door-to-door. These still wouldn't be full-fledged flying cars — instead, they'd be small planes that can drive very short distances on side streets, after landing at a nearby airport.

In 15 years, they hope to have the technology for larger vehicles, seating as many as four passengers, and the ability to make vertical takeoffs.

It probably will take years after these technologies are developed before such vehicles are actually on the market. Moore says it will take about 25 years to get to anything "remotely Jetsons-like," a reference to the futuristic cartoon that fed many flying car fantasies.

Researchers at Boeing in Seattle already are thinking that far ahead: They've created a miniature model of a sporty red helicopter/car hybrid that is helping the aerospace giant understand what it would take to make flying cars a reality.

Lynne Wenberg, senior manager on the project, said the goal is to make a flying car that costs the same as a luxury vehicle, is quiet and fuel-efficient and easy to fly and maintain.

Boeing is especially interested in the broader problem of figuring out how to police the airways — and prevent total pandemonium — if thousands of flying cars enter the skies. No one wants to be cut off, tailgated or buzzed a little too closely by a student driver at 1,000 feet.

"The neat, go-whir part [is] thinking about what would the vehicle itself look like, but we're trying to think through all the ramifications of what would it take to deploy a fleet of these," said Dick Paul, a vice president with Phantom Works, Boeing's research arm.

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“[W]e’re trying to think through all the ramifications of what would it take to deploy a fleet of these.”

Dick Paul

vice president,
Phantom Works

YOUR MONEY

Weather investment storm

BY MARK SKRITIC
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When the owners of a chain of London wine bars realized that business was better on warm days, they found an investment that would pay off when the temperature dropped.

Corney & Barrow Wine Bars protected itself by turning to an emerging corner of the investment world: weather derivatives.

In July, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange added Tokyo and Osaka to a list of 20 cities — 15 in the United States and five in Europe — where customers could invest in the weather.

Since the late 1990s, energy producers and insurance companies are among those who have invested in the weather to protect themselves from losses because there was not enough, or too much, sunshine.

In Corney & Barrow's case, "they budget for a certain number of days where it's really, really nice out," said Martin Malinow, executive vice president of Bermuda-based XL Weather & Energy Inc., which helps businesses manage their risk of losing money because it's colder or warmer than expected.

"If they don't get those days — a shortfall of drinking days — then they're certainly going to see less business."

The wine bar "bought ... protection from bad days," Malinow said.

The investment contracts structured for Corney & Barrow paid the company when the number of warm days fell below predetermined levels.

Weather derivatives were first embraced by energy companies in the mid-1990s, but some invest-

ments predicted the market would falter when giants like Enron Corp. left a few years later. But it turned out and began to grow.

"As traders begin to better understand opportunities — trading weather against other commodities, such as gas or heating oil — it creates more opportunities," said Felix Carabelle, a Merc associate director who oversees the exchange's trading in weather futures and options. "It really challenges the whole paradigm of what is a tradable commodity."

Although not tangible like soybeans, corn or cattle, or as popular as interest rate trading, the weather is not much different from buying future contracts on any of those products. All that's necessary is to have someone willing to take the other side of the transaction.

In weather derivatives, that side is normally taken by banks, hedge funds and reinsurers.

"If a natural gas utility has a warm winter, they won't sell as much natural gas," said Holden Burrow, director of the natural resource group at Aon Risk Services, part of Chicago-based Aon Corp.

"If the weather is 95 percent of the norm, 10-year average, they're going to be susceptible to a hiccup in their earnings."

Utilities can reduce the impact of that hiccup with weather derivatives that will pay if there are too many warm days.

Energy producers and utilities remain the prime customers for such investments, but other industries have found a use for them, said Bill Windle, senior vice president at reinsurer Swiss Re.

Companies operating in the agriculture, entertainment, food and beverage, and construction markets have all begun to invest in weather, he said.

Flying cars: Decades away but science is making strides

FLYING CARS, FROM PAGE 25

Smaller companies are working on flying car technology as well.

Davis, Calif.-based Moller International already has built a prototype of its Skycar. The streamlined vehicle — think sports car meets the hovercraft Luke Skywalker drove in "Star Wars" — is designed to make vertical takeoffs, fly around 700 miles and drive short distances.

Jack Allison, who retired as a vice president at Moller but still works there regularly, said Skycars are expected to start at around \$1 million and require pilot's training.

It's not yet clear when they'll be available, but Allison says demand is already there: More than 100 people have put down a \$5,000 deposit.

While researchers already are

working on some level of automation to make flying small planes easier, the ultimate goal would be to have a vehicle that is considerably smarter than what's available today.

Ken Goodrich, a senior research engineer at NASA, said one concept under discussion is technology that runs in "h" mode, which stands for "horse." The idea is that a horse, unlike a car, is more likely to try to avoid other objects and may even know how to find its way home.

But Goodrich said he's not sure that the fantasy of the flying car ever would or should become a reality. He questioned whether having flying/driving vehicles throughout the country might end up being too noisy, disruptive and impractical.

"You'd have to look at all aspects of it, how it would integrate in greater society and affect our quality of life," he said.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-wk	High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk
10,353.63	12,200.47	10,150.00	Dow Jones Industrial	11,165.01	+21.50	+0.2	+1.2	10,150.00
3,212.45	2,655.50	2,400.00	Dow Jones Transportation	3,108.00	-.94	-.03	+3.38	2,400.00
286.27	234.11	210.00	Dow Jones Utilities	238.51	+1.12	+0.5	+6.75	210.00
6,798.12	5,533.35	5,000.00	NASDAQ Composite	6,455.52	+15.72	+0.2	+2.4	5,000.00
1,278.81	959.87	850.00	AMEX Index	1,225.30	+7.77	+0.6	+4.71	850.00
2,538.46	1,271.15	1,000.00	Nasdaq Composite	1,271.15	+1.17	+0.1	-7.05	1,000.00
1,153.23	953.57	850.00	S&P 500	1,107.77	+2.48	+0.2	-2.4	850.00
618.46	590.83	540.00	S&P MidCap	578.03	+2.79	+0.5	+4.3	540.00
396.42	471.51	400.00	Russell 2000	551.67	+4.42	+0.8	-8.1	400.00
11,717.1	15,510.91	10,000.00	DJ Wilshire 5000	10,795.02	+13.39	+0.1	+31.4	10,000.00

NYSE

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Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	% Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg	% Chg	Name	Vol	Last	Chg	% Chg
Qwest	158002	2.87	+0.06	+2.1	Waste	1071	57.96	34.56	+1.3	Intel	471048	22.62	+0.22	+0.9
Lock	12088	15.15	+0.01	+0.1	SPDR	84240	111.45	+0.35	+0.3	Cisco	311348	19.94	+0.36	+1.8
United	10577	13.15	+0.01	+0.1	Bank	74000	10.00	+0.01	+0.1	Microsoft	371647	37.67	+0.47	+1.2
Pfizer	11461	32.05	+0.34	+1.1	Goldman	66808	9.56	+0.03	+0.3	Apple	308282	16.37	+0.30	+1.9
Boeing	97164	34.21	+0.01	+0.1	GS&W	38511	10.90	+0.01	+0.1	Sumitomo	289506	1.62	+0.06	+3.8
McKesson	6727	11.86	+0.01	+0.1	Bank	35400	10.00	+0.01	+0.1	Oracle	266000	22.00	+0.20	+0.9
Wal-Mart	7540	32.27	+0.02	+0.1	Wells	19457	72.85	+0.49	+0.7	Ciena	137674	1.85	+0.08	+4.5
Citigroup	7598	46.72	+0.26	+0.5	Bank	14598	28.40	+0.01	+0.1	West	126009	1.21	+0.01	+0.8
ExxonMobil	7434	45.4	+0.01	+0.1	Retain	12740	86.67	+0.21	+0.2	Qualcom	130979	38.43	+0.50	+1.3

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Vol	PE	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
Atlantic Technology	—	14	59.06	-.02	-.03	-0.3
Boeing	—	16	51.99	-.08	-.15	-1.4
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KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Vol	NAV	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg
Fidelity Invest: Global	15.84	+0.01	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
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Fidelity Invest: Global	15.84	+0.01	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1

EXCHANGE RATES

Japanese yen (Aug. 30)	107.00
S. Korean won (Aug. 28)	1,123.00
British pound	\$1.24
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.7895
Canada (Dollar)	1.1319
Denmark (Krone)	6.1518
Egypt (Pound)	4.2223
Euro	\$1.2016
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7898
Hungary (Forint)	206.10
Indonesian (Rupiah)	73.15
Israel (Shekel)	4.5413
Japan (Yen)	109.63
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Norway (Krone)	4.9507
Philippines (Peso)	56.08
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	2.75
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2023
S. Korea (Won)	1,123.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1627
Thailand (Baht)	1.2023
U.S. Dollar	1.1515
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To our readers

Liz Pulliam Weston is on vacation. Her Money Talk column will return.

Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

Buying books for college

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — A semester's worth of textbooks, one of the major college expenses, can easily cost \$300 or more.

Students and their parents will spend \$8.8 billion on textbook this year, reports the National Retail Federation. Following are many ways to save:

■ Find out what texts are required and what are merely recommended. You may be able to borrow the recommended texts from the library or share them with a friend.

■ Check your book list before going off to college. Bookstores at many universities post the textbook lists on a Web site, or you could e-mail your professors. Knowing what you need before you arrive on campus can help you find better deals.

■ If you prefer online book-buying sites, you also can choose slower (and therefore cheaper) shipping methods.

■ Lark near the book buyback window. Some universities offer students a chance at the beginning of the semester to sell back their books from the previous term. Make a deal with students waiting in line. You may benefit.

■ Ask friends if they or anyone they know has taken the course in question. Some people hang on to their old books as resources or haven't yet had a chance to sell their old texts.

■ Look locally. College towns may have a used bookstore or two, as well as larger chain stores. You may find cheaper used versions of the titles you need. At the big-box stores, you may be eligible for student or preferred reader discounts.

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Cast members from "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid" pose as they arrive at the screening of the movie Wednesday in Los Angeles. From left are Matthew Marsden, Salli Richardson, Karl Yune, Eugene Byrd, KaDee Strickland and Morris Chestnut.

Film 'Clerks' strikes back

Director Smith to make sequel to low-budget 1994 cult hit

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Smith is making another convenience store run.

The writer-director of "Dogma," "Chasing Amy" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" told The Associated Press on Friday that he has begun work on a sequel to "Clerks," his homemade indie classic from 1994.

That \$27,000 movie, shot at night in a store where Smith worked, chronicled the adventures of Dante and Randal, two guys who talk about life, death, sex and movies while working at neighboring stores.

The sequel picks up 10 years later.

"It's about what happens when that lazy, 20-something malaise lasts into your 30s. Those dudes are kind of still mired, not in that same exact situation, but in a place where it's time to actually grow up and do something more than just sit around and dissect pop culture and talk about sex," Smith said during an interview at his Hollywood office. "It's: What happened to these dudes?"

A new 10th anniversary DVD of "Clerks" debuts Sept. 7, and Smith said working on that three-disc set inspired him to write about what became of those characters.

The sequel — titled "The Passion of the Clerks" — is set to begin shooting in January. Miramax Films, which turned the original into a cult hit after buying it at the Sundance Film Festival, plans to distribute the follow-up.

"It's funny, it's very raw, insanely foul-mouthed. In many ways it's the antithesis of 'Jersey Girl,'" Smith said, referring to his recent PG-13 comedy with Ben Affleck as the widowed father of a little girl.

He said he called Jeff Anderson, who played the combative video store worker Randal, and Brian O'Halloran, who was the besieged-by-strangeness convenience store employee Dante, to run the idea by them first.

"Jeff was actually very protective of 'Clerks,'" Smith said. "Jeff was like, 'Are you sure you want to do this? That movie means a lot to people and do you want to go back?' I thought about it honestly, and I would seem chicken to not give it a shot just because I'm afraid of [messing] with the first film."

So far, he said he has gotten only positive responses from the people who have read the script, so he decided to move forward with it. Both O'Halloran and Anderson are signed on, and Jason Mewes, will return as stoner Jay, the "hetero life-mate" of Smith's stoner Silent Bob.

The original was shot pre-dawn, and most of the actors worked for free and then went straight to their day jobs with little or no sleep.

"This time around we'll afford ourselves the luxury of nice 12-hour days," Smith said. "And people can get paid."

AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://my.afn.dodmedia.csl.mil>

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2004					
(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Movie *** "North" (1994, Comedy-Drama)	WWE SmackDown!	Headline News	NFL Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Kingsley's Meadow	WWE SmackDown!
10:00 Spongobob	Target SG-1 "Enemy Mine"	America's Black Fun	Harvest: Greg Laurie	Music World	Stargate SG-1 "Enemy Mine"
10:30 Destinations	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition	Corse News	Real Video	Headline News
11:00 Ebert & Roeper	ESPNNews	CNN Presents	SportsCenter	The Bernie Mac Show	ESPNNews
11:30 Headline News	7th Heaven "High and Dry"	Fox and Friends	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	King of the Queens	7th Heaven "High and Dry"
12:30 Army NewsWatch	Movie *** "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense)	Fox and Friends	MPA's "H"	Mary Tyler Moore	Movie *** "1st to Die" (2003, Suspense)
13:00 WWE SmackDown!	Tracy Flicker, G.I. Bears: Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.	CBS News Sunday Morning	ESPNNews	All in the Family	Tracy Flicker, G.I. Bears: Four women join forces to bring a serial killer to justice.
14:00 Stargate SG-1 "Enemy Mine"	Scarf	NFL Live	NFL Live	Taxi	Scarf
15:00 ESPNNews	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	Face the Nation	Sports Reporters	Hill Street Blues	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
16:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	Headline News	SportsCenter	King of the Hill	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
17:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	Baseball Tonight	NFL Yearbook	The Bernie Mac Show	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
18:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	NFL Yearbook	NFL Yearbook	Everybody's Raymond	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
19:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	FOX News	NFL Yearbook: Dolphins	The King of Queens	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
20:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	FOX News	NFL Films Presents	Joan of Arcadia	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
21:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	FOX News	PGA Golf Buckle Championship - Final Round	"Anonymous"	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
22:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	CNN Sunday	From Tournament Players Club at River Highlands in Cornwall, Conn. (Live)	Mary Tyler Moore	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
23:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	Meet the Press	All in the Family	Taxi	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
23:30 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004			XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
06:00 Meet the Press	Meet the Press	Tim Russert	SportsCenter	Hill Street Blues	Meet the Press
09:30 Meet the Press	Meet the Press	Tim Russert	SportsCenter	"Mayo, Hold the Pickle"	Meet the Press
1:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	FOX Report	Baseball Tonight	The Wild Thornberries	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
2:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	This Week	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves, From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live)	The Simpsons	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
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4:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	60 Minutes	Average Joe: Adam Returns Runner-up	Average Joe: Adam Returns Runner-up	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
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5:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece: Bouncing final; gymnastics final; rhythmic individual; handball final, men's; track and field, men's; marathon, water polo final, men's.
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Q Reports say that Michael Jackson has impregnated a surrogate mother with quadruplets. Are you as horrified by this as I am? — Cathy Morgan, Biloxi, Miss.
A Yes, and we're hoping that those reports — which, by the way, Jackson denies — are false. The only celebrities we'd like to see have quadruplets are the genetically blessed Jennifer Aniston and hubby Brad Pitt.



George Michael says therapy and love have helped him finally find inner peace.

Q What has British rocker George Michael been up to since his arrest for lewd behavior in a public bathroom? — Baro Graham, Reno, Nev.

A That 1998 arrest in L.A., which Michael termed a self-destructive act to expose his "last remaining secret" (his homosexuality), was only the tip of his iceberg-sized troubles. After his success in the '80s, he endured a nasty legal battle with Sony Music, the AIDS-related death of his lover, a pot-smoking habit, the cancer death of his mother and severe depression. Michael, 41, credits therapy and a new lover with producing his current peace of mind and his just-released CD, "Patience."

Q The Saudi army recently dealt al-Qaida a major setback by killing its military commander. Does that mean the Saudis are finally getting a handle on their home-grown terrorists? — Samuel Z. Miami, Fla.

A Yes — but only for the time being. Al-Qaida has lost several of its senior operatives in Saudi Arabia in recent months, but it's already regrouping. We expect its new military commander, a 38-year-old militant named Saleh Mohammed al-Ufi, to try to unleash a wave of terrorist violence in the near future.



Momoa: Hair's to ya.

Q I'm a fan of Fox's summer hit "North Shore." I've got a question about Frankie, the bartender: Is that his real hair? — Shon Johnston, Los Angeles, Calif.

A Yes. Those dreadlocks belong to Jason Momoa, 25. The former Baywatch Hawaii actor grew up in Iowa but was born in Hawaii to a dad of Samoan ancestry and a mom of Irish, German and Native American heritage. Obviously, his good looks don't hurt his fan appeal.

Q Whatever became of actor John Kerr, best known for playing the sensitive student in the 1956 movie "Yan and Sympathy" and Lieutenant Cable in 1958's "South Pacific"? — R.N.

A Kerr went on to play a lawyer in the '60s on ABC's "Arrest and Trial" and "Peyton Place," then became one in real life. A graduate of Harvard and UCLA Law School, he was admitted to the California bar in 1970. Now 72, Kerr lives in retirement near L.A.

Q I know more than I need to about Paris Hilton but nothing of her "Simple Life" co-star, Nicole Richie. Fill me in. — Gene Lawson, Walnut Creek, Calif.

A Nicole, 22, was adopted as a toddler by singer Lionel Richie. (She won't confirm who her real dad is and denies reports that he's Peter Escovedo, a former member of Richie's band and recently maestro on TV's "The Wayne Brady Show.") Nicole grew up among Tinseltown royalty and became Paris Hilton's best friend. Her hard-partying ways have gotten her into trouble: Last year, she was arrested for heroin possession. Nicole pleaded "no contest," agreed to enter rehab and is now drug-free.



Cyclist Lance Armstrong's divorce, and subsequent relationship with singer Sheryl Crow, appear to be unrelated.



Nicole Richie has become a household name with the success of "The Simple Life" 1 and 2.

Q Lance Armstrong may be the world's best cyclist, but I can't respect a man who dumps a wife who stood by him through cancer to hook up with a celebrity. — Leslie Barth, Olathe, Kan.

A We agree with your premise but not your facts. The Armstrongs, both 32, met after Lance had finished chemo. Their split last year was mutual, amicable and probably initiated by Kristin. As for Lance's "hookup" with singer Sheryl Crow, 42, that came later.



Nicolas Cage recently married a young waitress.

Q Why would someone like Nicolas Cage, 40, a distinguished actor and a sophisticated patron of the arts, marry a 20-year-old sushi waitress, Alice Kim? — Richard Johnson, Boulder, Colo.

A He must have a yen for sushi. Only Nic knows why he married again.

Q Merv Griffin gave Nancy Reagan one of those Chinese wrinkle dogs. Why that breed? — B. Baldwin, North Hills, Calif.

A Because Merv, 79, is extraordinarily fond of his own Ashar-pei, Charlie Chan. He thought the newly widowed Nancy, 83, who'd met Charlie, could use a companion. Incidentally, Charlie — who enjoys traveling on Merv's yacht and private jet — has a restaurant named in his honor at Merv's hotel in Scottsdale, Ariz. Talk about a dog's life.



EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s, Monday lows in the mid 50s.

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 60s to lower 70s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s, Monday lows in the lower 50s.

France: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s to lower 80s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the lower 70s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the lower to mid 70s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Hungary: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s, Monday lows in the upper 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, Monday lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s to mid 90s, Monday lows in the lower to mid 60s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s, Monday lows in the mid 50s to lower 60s.

Norway: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the lower to mid 60s, Monday lows in the lower to mid 50s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the east. Highs in the lower 80s to mid 90s, Monday lows in the lower 60s to lower 70s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the north. Highs in the mid 80s to mid 90s, Monday lows in the lower to mid 60s.

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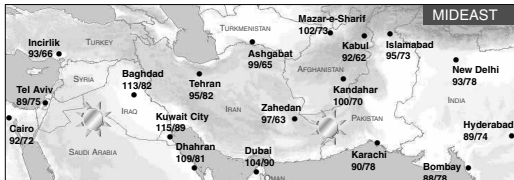
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Batavia	106	85	Mexico City	73	57
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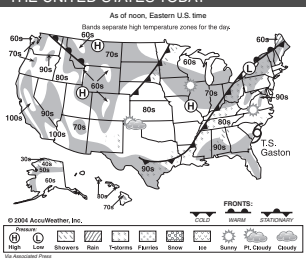
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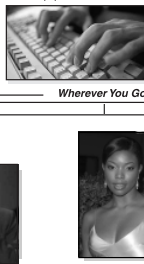
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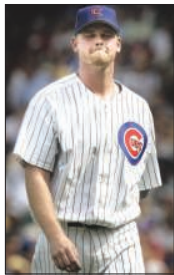
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Chicago's Kerry Wood gave up four homers Friday to Houston.

Beltran's pair leads Houston

BY DAVE CARPENTER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Don't blame Carlos Beltran if the Houston Astros miss the playoffs.

The All-Star center fielder had another big day at Wrigley Field, hitting two home runs to lead Houston over Kerry Wood and the Chicago Cubs 15-7 on Friday. Beltran, who finished with four hits, has homered in five consecutive games.

In five games at Wrigley Field since coming over from Kansas City in June, Beltran is 11-for-21 with seven homers and 11 RBIs.

"I think that's a coincidence," he said. But, he added: "Every time I come here, I feel good." Beltran had plenty of help Friday as the Astros chased Wood early and snapped Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit back-to-back solo shots off Wood, and Jeff Kent added a home run to help Houston win for the ninth time in 12 games. The Astros moved within six games of Chicago in the NL wild-card race.

"The last 10 days we've been playing good baseball," Beltran said. "We've been doing things right and that's real important for us to keep moving up."

Beltran hit a solo homer in the first inning off Wood and a three-run shot in the ninth to punctuate a six-run inning against Kyle Farnsworth. In between, the Astros had plenty of offense, finishing with 17 hits off five Cubs pitchers.

"When bats get hot like theirs were today, like ours had been, it doesn't matter who you throw out there," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said.

Oswalt (15-9) allowed six runs in eight innings on a hot, muggy day, retiring 13 batters in a row from the fourth inning until yielding a single and a two-run homer to Nomar Garciaparra with two outs in the eighth.

Houston scored four runs off Wood (7-6) in the first and never trailed, battering him for eight runs on eight hits in 4 1/2 innings.

Edmonds has Cards winging again

Two home runs, five RBIs help Suppan survive a rough outing

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jim Edmonds took it upon himself to get the St. Louis Cardinals' offense going again.

Edmonds hit two two-run homers and matched a career high with five RBIs on Friday night, leading the Cardinals over the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-5.

"I just got lucky, just hit the ball on the barrel," Edmonds said. "It's nice to get a win. We've been flat and needed to pick up the momentum."

Edmonds homered in the first and third off Ryan Vogelsong (4-11) as St. Louis won its fifth straight over the Pirates.

The victory came after the Cardinals lost two of three to Cincinnati, including a 1-0 defeat Thursday, after having won eight straight series.

"I don't care what the record is in the standings. We have something going, and we have to work hard to keep the edge on our side," manager Tony La Russa said. "It was a nice bounce-back win."

Jeff Suppan (13-6) matched his career high for victories, allowing nine hits and five runs in 6 1/2 innings. Suppan, who has won 10 of his last 12 decisions, struck out two and walked one.

Jason Istringhausen pitched the ninth inning for his 37th save.

Edmonds followed Scott Rolen's double in the third with his 35th homer of the season. He



St. Louis' Jim Edmonds hits the first of his two home runs in an 8-5 victory over Pittsburgh on Friday night.

added a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning for the fifth five-RBI game of his career to give St. Louis a 7-2 lead. Edmonds also walked and scored on pinch-hitter So Taguchi's single in the eighth.

"He was one of the guys we had red-flagged to not let him beat us," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "But they have so many quality bats in the lineup that you have to make quality pitches and keep the ball down in the zone. If you don't, they're going to take advantage of it."

Expos 10, Padres 3: Brad Wilkerson homered and gave three RBIs and Tony Batista hit a two-run shot for the hot Expos. San Diego remained two games back in the wild-card race.

Phillies 6, Brewers 1: Vicente Padilla (5-6) pitched seven shut-out innings for his first victory since May 23 and the home-standing Phillies sent Milwaukee to its ninth straight loss.

The Phillies snapped a seven-game home losing streak, scoring all their runs with two outs in the fifth inning against Victor Santos (10-9), keyed by two-run singles by Bobby Abreu and David Bell.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 3 (11): Andy Green tripled and scored on Alex Cintron's single in the 11th. Adam Dunn hit his 38th homer for the Red Hot Reds.

Marlins 3, Rockies 0: Ismael Valdez (11-7) allowed just four hits before leaving in the seventh

because of an Achilles' injury and Luis Castillo hit an RBI single. Armando Benitez earned his 37th save, completing a four-hit. Joe Kennedy (6-6) pitched seven innings for the visiting Rockies, who have dropped five straight.

Mets 9, Dodgers 2: Gerald Williams singled twice in a six-run first inning and the host Mets broke out of an offensive funk in a big way, ending a five-game losing streak.

Tom Glavine hit an RBI single during the early burst and coasted to his 26th career victory. Dodgers starter Wilson Alvarez (7-5) came out in the second inning with a bruised left forearm after being struck by Cliff Floyd's hard one-hopper.

Glavine (9-10) won for only the second time in 12 starts.

Wright's arm, bat key Braves' win

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Not even a big home run by Barry Bonds could stop Jaret Wright from winning again.

Wright set a career high with his 13th victory and drove in the go-ahead run with a surprise bunt Friday night, helping the Atlanta Braves overcome Bonds' 694th homer in a 5-3 victory over San Francisco.

In the opener of a four-game series between playoff contenders, Bonds' three-run shot off Wright gave the Giants a 3-0 lead in the sixth inning.

"I was pretty upset when he hit the homer because he's the guy you don't want to let beat you," Wright said.

The Braves came back in the bottom half of the inning, tying it on Chipper Jones' two-run homer. When Wright came to the plate with the bases loaded and one out, he looked down at his third base coach and thought he got a bunt sign.

He was wrong. Atlanta manager Bobby Cox hadn't put on a play.

"He just pushed it on his own, and it worked out," Cox said, cracking a smile after the Braves won their fifth straight.

Julio Franco was not running with the pitch and got a late break off third base. Giants reliever Matt Herges fielded the bunt and had a play at the plate, but instead settled for the out at first as Franco scored the go-ahead run.

Herges said he didn't hear catcher A.J. Pierzynski calling for him to throw home.

"Yeah, I screwed up," Herges said. "I didn't hear it, but I guess someone was yelling. ... I think it caught everybody off guard, even the runner."

Wright (13-6) allowed six hits in seven innings, leaving his ERA at 3.20. He went 12-10 with Cleveland in 1998 but hadn't reached double figures again until emerging as the surprise of Atlanta's rotation this year.

After Edgardo Alfonzo's two-out single off Chris Reitsma in the eighth, Cox brought in left-hander Tom Martin to face Bonds, who took a called third strike on a backdoor sinker to end the inning with the Braves ahead 4-3.

"I don't know what the pitch was, but it froze me," Bonds said.

John Smoltz struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 35th save in 38 chances.

The Braves still lead the NL East by 9 1/2 games. The Giants remained one game be-



Jaret Wright won his 13th game with strong pitching and a surprise bunt that drove in the go-ahead run as Atlanta beat San Francisco.

hind the Chicago Cubs in the wild-card race. Jones hit his 25th home run of the season off Kirk Ruetz (7-10), giving him 11 homers and 28 RBIs in August. With 72 RBIs, Jones has revived his hopes of driving in at least 100 runs for a ninth straight season.

Rizzing Red Sox win again, get good news on Ramirez

Gutierrez picks up slack in Boston's 10th victory in 11 games

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The most surprising images from the Boston Red Sox's latest win are the X-rays of Manny Ramirez's knee.

The Boston slugger fouled a ball off his knee in the fourth inning of the Red Sox's 5-3 home victory over the Detroit Tigers on Friday night.

But the nervousness from seeing Ramirez, the AL leader with 34 homers, limping around home plate in pain turned to relief when the X-rays came back negative.

"We definitely need his bat — the understatement of the year," manager Terry Francona said. "He thought he was doing OK."

There is no doubt the Red Sox are doing fine, winning for the 10th time in 11 games to remain 5 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Ricky Gutierrez picked up the offense for Ramirez, who singled and scored in the first, driving in two runs in the fifth and getting three hits.

Derek Lowe (12-10) allowed three runs and seven hits in eight innings, striking out seven to win for the sixth time in his last eight decisions.

"We're on a good roll, and as a starting pitcher you don't want to be the one guy that stops the momentum," Lowe said. "As a rotation, it's been a lot of the last couple of weeks."

Lowe's strong outing was even more important since the Keith Foulke was unavailable because of a stiff back. Foulke pitched in four of the previous six games so Francona decided to play it safe.

In his absence, Mike Timlin started the ninth and gave up a pair of hits before striking out Craig Monroe, who had already hit a two-run homer in the game.

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Alan Embree struck out pinch-hitter Marcus Thames, and Curtis Leskanen got Brandon Inge to pop out to right to end it for his first save since signing with the Red Sox on June 22.

Mike Maroth (10-9) allowed five runs — four earned — and 10 hits in five innings. He has lost consecutive decisions after winning the previous seven.

Yankees 8, Blue Jays 7: Derek Jeter, Hideki Matsui and Bernie Williams homered and New York went on to beat the Blue Jays at SkyDome.

Esteban Loaiza lasted just 4 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on seven hits, and was useless in his first start for New York. Tanyon Sturtze (5-2) pitched 2 1/3 innings for the win.

Carlos Delgado hit a three-run homer to cut New York's lead to 8-7 in the seventh.

Justin Miller (2-3) was the loser.

Indians 6, White Sox 3: C.C. Sabathia (10-8) matched a career high with 11 strikeouts and Ronnie Belliard hit a three-run homer to lead the Indians over visiting Chicago.

Jason Grilli (0-1) was called up by the White Sox from Triple-A Charlotte to start in place of Freddy Garcia, who has a strained right forearm. He gave up five runs and five hits in five innings.

Rangers 6, Orioles 4: John Wadsworth gave up two runs and four hits over six innings in his return from the minors, and the Rangers handed visiting Baltimore's 11th consecutive loss. Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro was 1-for-3 with a walk in his first

game against the team with which he wanted to end his career.

Wadsworth (2-2) was recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Oklahoma to take the spot of Scott Erickson, who was designated for assignment. Eric Bedard (5-9) gave up six runs, seven hits and four walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Angels 9, Twins 6: Adam Kennedy and Garrett Anderson each hit a two-run homer, and the Angels beat Minnesota in Anaheim to match a season-high ninth straight victory.

Aaron Sele (8-1) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. Brad Radke (9-7) pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing nine runs and 15 hits — both season highs.

Athletics 8, Devil Rays 7: Erubiel Durazo hit a two-run homer, Eric Chavez also connected and the Athletics rallied from a four-run deficit at home for their fifth consecutive win.

Justin Duchscherer (5-4) pitched five scoreless innings of relief.

Aubrey Huff matched a career high with four hits, but Tampa Bay had its four-game winning streak stopped. Mark Hendrickson (8-13) gave up seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Mariners 7, Royals 5: Bret Boone hit a go-ahead two-run homer off D.J. Carrasco (2-2) in the eighth inning and the Mariners had a season-high six home runs in a victory over Kansas City.

The teams combined for nine home runs to match the most hit in a game at Safeco Field, which opened July 15, 1999. Cleveland and Seattle accomplished the feat on July 16.

Abraham Nunez homered off George Sherrill (2-1) in the eighth to give Kansas City a 5-4 lead.



Ichiro Suzuki is the first player to reach 200 hits in each of his first four seasons. Suzuki had 202 hits entering Saturday's game; the record for hits in a season is 257, set by George Sisler in 1920.

With 200 hits already, Ichiro on record pace

BY JIM COUR

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ichiro Suzuki has surprised no one himself.

"In Japan, at about the 120th game, I had 201 hits," he said.

"To go to the same pace and do the same thing over here, I didn't even imagine doing that."

Suzuki was talking about 10 years ago when he had 210 hits in 130 games in Japan in 1994, the only time he had 200 hits in his native country.

The former Orix Blue Wave superstar is now flirting with one of the great records in baseball: 257 hits in a season, set by George Sisler in 1920 with the St. Louis Browns.

Suzuki became the first player born in a major league history to get 200 hits in his first four seasons in the major leagues when he homered to lead off the ninth inning off Kansas City closer Jeremy Affeldt in a 7-3 loss Thursday night.

A Safeco Field crowd of 30,962 cheered Ichiro, Ichiro, Ichiro after Suzuki connected for his seventh homer of the season. He reached 200 hits in his 125th game of the season, and after going 1-for-5 in 157 games. He followed with 208 hits in 157 games in 2002 and 212 hits in 159 games last season.

Suzuki had 51 hits in May and 50 in July. He's primarily a contact hitter who slaps at the ball and gets singles. Since the All-Star break, Suzuki was hitting .458 (81-for-177). In August, he was hitting .449 (44-for-98).

The Sisler record remains a long shot, but it's not out of the question.

"At this point, I'm not going to think about that at all," Suzuki said through a translator. "I think you have goals that you can see and that goal is just too far for me to see."

Seattle manager Bob Melvin is amazed by what Suzuki has achieved during the Mariners' horrendous season.

"This season is killing him," Melvin said. "He has to be putting it away when we lose and we continue to go through stuff like this."

He continues to come out the next day and prepares himself as well as anybody I've ever been around."

Affeldt gave up Suzuki's 200th hit on his first pitch to open the ninth, and didn't seem too troubled by it.

"Hopefully, he signs a bat for me," the pitcher said.

The Mariners, who have been in last place in the AL West since the second day of the season, wound up losing their 80th game in 94 games under .500 in one of the biggest plunges in the majors in 2004.

But the fan interest in Seattle is high and Suzuki said it's his responsibility to try to come through for the fans.

"I heard them," he said. "They were very loud. There's probably some fans who came out to see me hit this 200th hit. I knew I had one left to get to 200. I'm just glad and happy that I was able to get that."

Suzuki wants to be a role model as well as a great hitter.

"I say this a lot, but I'm a guy with a small frame who is not very big," said Suzuki, who is 5-foot-9 and 172 pounds. "To be able to come over here and have records, I hope in the future maybe that I can be somebody that they can look up to."

Tests show Tavaraz's cap just dirty

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Julian Tavaraz's baseball cap is dirty and grimy — but not illegal, according to the man who now owns it.

Tavaraz, a right-handed reliever for the St. Louis Cardinals, is appealing a 10-game suspension handed down Tuesday for having pine tar on the cap. He was ejected from the first game of a doubleheader on Aug. 20 at Busch Stadium after Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon questioned the cap.

Umpire crew chief Joe West inspected the hat and said Tavaraz and manager Tony La Russa "as much admitted" to the presence of pine tar, which could be used to improve a pitcher's grip on the baseball. Tavaraz was ejected and as he left the field he tossed the cap to a fan in a box seat behind the St. Louis dugout.

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But Gene McNary, a former St. Louis County executive who is running again for the county's highest office, said the cap is guilty only of being filthy.

After paying \$140 to the fan who caught the cap, then gave it to McNary.

At the urging of KSDK-TV sports reporter Frank Cusumano, McNary took the cap to St. Louis Testing Laboratories, where substances on it were analyzed.

McNary said the lab tested specifically for both pine tar and resin. Results revealed dust and dirt, but nothing illegal.

Gwynn's No. 19 to be retired

MONTREAL — Tony Gwynn will have his number retired by the San Diego Padres on Sept. 4.

The Padres announced Friday that Gwynn's No. 19 will join the numbers of Dave Winfield, Randy Jones and Steve Garvey, which were previously retired by the team.

Gwynn, who became the 22nd player in major league history to reach 3,000 hits last year, at Montreal's Olympic Stadium, played his entire 20-year career with San Diego — his hometown team — from 1982-2001.

Mets sign Cuban pitcher

NEW YORK — The New York Mets signed Cuban defector Alay Soler on Friday, giving the pitcher a three-year deal worth \$2.8 million.

Soler, 24, was an ace for the Cuban national team last year, going 10-4 with a 2.01 ERA in 18 games. He defected last November with three other players.

Major League Baseball statistics

Through Aug. 27

American League

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	BB	Avg
Anaheim	425	67	130	17	63	.288
Boston	449	72	127	14	69	.283
Cleveland	559	70	125	14	60	.279
Chicago	460	64	128	16	60	.279
Detroit	456	61	124	15	65	.278
Los Angeles	458	64	128	16	61	.273
Oakland	460	67	131	15	63	.268
Tampa Bay	434	61	108	10	58	.257
Texas	440	54	119	13	50	.255
Seattle	437	70	110	14	61	.255
Minnesota	449	51	112	14	57	.253
Toronto	445	51	117	10	54	.252
Tampa Bay	431	50	111	13	53	.250
Kansas City	426	45	106	12	51	.257

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

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National League

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New York	440	81	140	28	78	.305
San Francisco	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Pittsburgh	440	81	140	28	78	.305
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Montreal	440	81	140	28	78	.305
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White Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Albuquerque NYY	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Baltes Pt	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Scutaro Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Berbrts Ba	110	22	24	6	25	.300

National League

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	BB	Avg
Kentucky	469	82	144	25	84	.307
San Diego	462	81	143	24	82	.305
New York	440	81	140	28	78	.305
San Francisco	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Pittsburgh	440	81	140	28	78	.305
San Francisco	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Montreal	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Philadelphia	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Cincinnati	440	81	140	28	78	.305
Colorado	440	81	140	28	78	.305

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	BB	Avg
Isuzumi Seia	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Mora Bo	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Wong Daz	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Vogelbein Jr	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Duran Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Johnson	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Rowland	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Coilman Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Estad Am	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Miranda Bo	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Tajeda Ba	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Mifong Tye	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Thalmer Jr	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Joulian Am	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Harmon Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Damon Ba	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Vizquel Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Kosky Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Dellos Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Correa Bo	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Dorris Bo	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Beland Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Lawford Pt	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Matt NYY	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Papine Am	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Harvey Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Milner Bo	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Sheffield NYY	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Esten Am	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Huff Pt	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Thalmer Jr	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Vizquel Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
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Crisp Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Asoriano Te	110	22	24	6	25	.300
White Del	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Albuquerque NYY	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Baltes Pt	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Scutaro Ch	110	22	24	6	25	.300
Berbrts Ba	110	22	24	6	25	.300

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

611	260	1	Redman	369	50	100	11	31	371
618	253		Griffith	369	50	100	11	31	371
619	250		Grissom SF	458	65	124	17	68	271
620	250		Mackowiack Pit	408	57	109	15	68	267
621	250		Griffith	369	50	100	11	31	371
566	251		Feliz SF	417	54	111	18	65	266
571	249		Tucker SF	387	68	103	12	52	266
			Griffith	369	50	100	11	31	371
			Burrell Pit	357	52	84	18	60	263
			Djimennez Cn	450	58	112	10	50	260
			Hidalgo NYM	431	60	117	21	70	260
			Griffith	369	50	100	11	31	371
			Choi LA	324	52	84	15	45	259
			Gonzalez Afr	379	69	98	17	48	259
			Griffith	369	50	100	11	31	371
			Bagwell Hou	449	79	113	20	60	255
			Cjones At	361	52	92	25	72	255
			SSosa CHC	369	56	94	29	63	255
			Durham SF	369	56	94	29	63	255
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Long weekend for attorneys in Bryant sexual assault case

Questionnaires for prospective jurors under review

BY JON SARCHÉ
The Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case are spending the weekend scrutinizing questionnaires filled out by prospective jurors, the first step in seating a panel that will decide whether the NBA star is guilty of rape.

The questionnaires were filled out by Eagle County residents who arrived Friday at the courthouse in waves so they did not disrupt other business in the building.

Many shielded their faces from cameras while others smiled and waved at reporters and photographers. Members of the media are under a court order to stay away from the jury candidates and not to take their pictures.

Bryant was not at the courthouse. Jury selection will probably take most of next week. Opening statements are not expected until Sept. 7.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with a then 19-year-old employee of the Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers' star faces four years in life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

The county issued 999 jury summonses, the biggest jury call in its history. About 165 could not be de-

livered, and about 150 people were excused primarily because they are no longer county residents or U.S. citizens.

The prospective jurors filled out 82-item questionnaires that defense attorneys, prosecutors and their consultants have agonized over for weeks and will remain sealed until at least next week.

The questions include, according to a report by KCNC-TV, whether jurors follow professional basketball, their feelings on interracial relationships and if they think rich people are treated better by the courts.

State courts spokeswoman Karen Salazar declined to release the questionnaire, which is expected to be made public Monday. She said the questions obtained by the television station were not the final version used in potential jurors.

Attorneys in the case will scrutinize the answers during the weekend, developing lists of potential jurors they want eliminated and those they want to talk to.

"They are gearing up for a very, very long couple of days," said Richard Gabriel, a Los Angeles-based jury consultant with Decision Analytics.

At least in the early stages, attorneys will focus on who to eliminate from the pool, he said.

"Jury selection is really jury de-selection; eliminating those people you feel would be most

harmful to your case," Gabriel said.

Attorneys are expected to begin closed-door questioning of individuals Monday, starting with 25 to 30 prospective jurors. The same number will return Tuesday and more might be scheduled Wednesday, depending on progress, Salazar said.

Attorneys for news organizations, including The Associated Press, have asked the judge to open much of the questioning, and a hearing on the request is scheduled Monday.

Media attorneys are also asking the judge to unseal statements Bryant made to investigators who interviewed him the night after the alleged attack. Defense attorneys oppose the request, saying the evidence could hurt Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Also on Friday, another filing was released that stated Bryant's accuser is entitled to remain anonymous in her civil case against the star because of her privacy rights and past threats made against her. News organizations had objected to efforts by the woman's lawyers to seal details in the lawsuit.

The attorneys said they agreed many details in the civil case could be released — as long as the woman's name remains secret.

Most media organizations have not reported her name. It has appeared online and twice been published accidentally on a state courts Web site.

Ex-CU recruiting aide has court date

The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A former University of Colorado football recruiting assistant accused of soliciting a prostitute is scheduled to appear in Boulder County Court Tuesday.

Sports briefs

Nathan Maxcy, 28, was the only person indicted after a state grand jury ended its investigation earlier this month into allegations that the CU football program used sex and alcohol to entice promising recruits.

Maxcy, who now lives in Texas, surrendered to Boulder County authorities Thursday and was released on \$5,000 bond that prohibits him from leaving the state. Deputy District Attorney Pete Maguire said Maxcy has a court hearing Tuesday to ask permission to return to Texas.

He is scheduled to enter a plea Sept. 9. Maxcy is charged with misdemeanor solicitation for prostitution and two felonies: embezzlement of public property and theft, both related to allegations

he used a school cell phone to call a dating chat line.

Attorney General Ken Salazar asked the grand jury to investigate allegations about the football program. He said last week other matters relating to the investigation were still pending, but didn't elaborate.

Bovina, Dechy in Pilot Pen finals

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Nathalie Dechy advanced to the final of the Pilot Pen tournament, using quick, accurate play to beat Lisa Raymond 6-4, 6-0 Friday.

The eighth-seeded Dechy will face doubles partner and seventh-seeded Elena Bovina in Saturday's championship match. Each has won a match against the other this year.

Also Saturday, Martina Navratilova will go for her 17th doubles title with partner Lisa Raymond, after defeating Cara Black of Zimbabwe and Rennae Stubbs of Australia 7-6 (4), 6-4. They will play Nadia Petrova and Meghann Shaughnessy.

Bovina used her big serve to overpower fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 6-1, 6-1.



Peter Jacobsen, a rookie on the Champions Tour, is in prime position to win his second senior major of 2004. He shot a second-round 66 on Friday in his home state of Oregon. AP

Funk, Johnson lead Buick Championship

The Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Fred Funk and tour rookie Zach Johnson played nearly flawless golf Friday to share a one-stroke lead in the Buick Championship after two rounds.

Johnson shot a 5-under 65 and Funk had a 66 to move to 8-under-par (132) for the tournament, one better than Hank Kuehne (65). First-round leader Corey Pavin and Jose Coercos are two strokes back. A group of six golfers are three strokes behind the leaders.

Johnson, the Nationwide Tour player of the year in 2003, won the BellSouth Classic in March for his first PGA Tour title. The rookie hit all 14 fairways and had seven one-putts Friday. After two days, he's been the most accurate driver in the tournament, hitting 27 of 28 fairways.

He began the day five strokes off the lead, but finished with six birdies to tie Funk. It was his first appearance at the TPC at River Highlands.

"I like every hole to be honest with you," Johnson said. "It's got everything. This golf course can suit anybody's game. You've got Hank Kuehne, who's playing well, and you've got Fred (Funk) who doesn't hit it very far, but he gets it out there."

Funk, typically the most accurate driver on tour, treated the gallery to crisp shotmaking Friday. The only green he missed was his last one, and that cost him sole possession of the lead. Still, he made three birdies on the last five holes.

He was 9-under par heading into the final hole when he was faced with a tricky lie on a fairway mogul. He pushed his approach into the deep rough to the right of the green and failed to get

Golf roundup

up and down, carding his only bogey in two days.

Jimenez, Levett pace BMW field

NORD EICHENRIED, Germany — France's Thomas Levett shot a 9-under-63 Saturday to miss the course record by one stroke and share the lead with Miguel Angel Jimenez in the BMW International Open after three rounds, as the fight for final half-dozen spots on the European Ryder Cup team headed into the final day.

Spain's Jimenez shot 67 as he and Levett moved to 15-under-par 201, two strokes ahead of U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen (68) and Austria's Markus Brier.

Jacobsen leads final senior major of the year

ALOHA, Ore. — Peter Jacobsen, who won the U.S. Senior Open earlier this month, shot a 6-under 66 in the Tradition and was at 9-under, one stroke ahead of Bruce Lietzke after two rounds of the Champions Tour's last major of the year.

First-round leaders Vicente Fernandez and Jose Maria Canizares were among five players at 6-under. Bruce Summerhays, also a co-leader Thursday, shot 72 and trailed by four.

McGill ended in Wachovia

KUTZTOWN, Pa. — Jill McGill shot an 8-under-par 64 to take a three-stroke lead after two rounds of the Wachovia LPGA Classic.

Soo-Yun Kung (66) and Suzann Petersen (65) were three strokes back, while first round co-leaders Hilary Lunke (69) and Laura Dadi (69) are tied with Lorena Ochoa (68) five behind McGill.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Women: United States has become power in Games since 1992 bronze

WOMEN, FROM BACK PAGE

"This is incredible," said Staley, who played in her third and final Olympics. "I have to share this with so many people — people in the United States and Spain, people who come from humble beginnings. This gold medal is for them."

Staley, Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes will leave Athens on Sunday with their third gold medals, and that seems fitting.

They have led the resurgence in U.S. women's basketball internationally after disappointing bronze medal finishes in the 1992 Olympics and 1994 world championships. They gave their time to training and travel and were joined by other players similarly committed.

The result: 25 straight victories in the Olympics, three Olympic golds and two world championships.

"We had an ultimate goal and that was to win the gold medal," Tina Thompson said. "And we did it."

Thompson led the United States with 18 points, including a clutch three-pointer in the fourth quarter. Staley, usually a passer instead of scorer, came up big with 14 points. Leslie scored 13 and Shannon Johnson had 12, including eight in a short stretch when the United States started to pull away after trailing by four.

"We held our poise like the veterans always do," said Taurasi, who was selected for the team after leading Connecticut to its third straight NCAA championship. "This is just the greatest. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

It certainly didn't hurt the Americans that Australian star Lauren Jackson had a miserable game. Jackson, leading the Olympics with a 24.4 scoring average, shot 4-for-16 and managed just 12 points.

Coach Jan Stirling said Jackson was bothered by an intestinal virus. Jackson, the WNBA's leading scorer, said that wasn't so.

"I was fine," she said. "It was just pre-game nerves, nothing really. I have no regrets. We left everything on the court."

Penny Taylor gave the United States problems with her aggressive drives to the basket and led Australia with 16 points. But she was ineffective after getting her third and fourth fouls 20 seconds apart in the final minute of the third quarter.

That was when the United States made its move.

With her team trailing 49-45, Taurasi sank a three-pointer to cut the lead to one. Johnson tied it at 50 with two free throws and then, with time about to expire at the end of the third quarter, she drove into the lane and banked in a turnaround shot to make it 52-50.

The game was a long way from being over, but the United States led the rest of the way. A driving shot and two free throws by Johnson helped build the lead, and then Thompson stepped up, hitting a three from the right wing after Australia had closed to 63-57.

Thompson somehow kept her concentration with teammate Tamika Catchings sprawled on the floor at her feet.



Lisa Leslie and Dawn Staley (5) celebrate the United States' 74-63 victory against Australia on Saturday in Athens, Greece.

Then, almost as if it were scripted, it was Staley who provided the finishing touches.

In the final 1:37, she made two free throws, drove the lane and scooped in an underhanded layup. She then made two final free throws as the American fans waved flags and chanted "U-S-A, U-S-A."

This was a team that had said anything other than a gold medal in these Olympics would be failure.

This team didn't let it get away.

Men: U.S. ends on a winning note

MEN, FROM BACK PAGE

Strange stuff, but not quite as weird as the Americans dropping three games after they had lost only two in the previous 68 years.

Wearing red after their replacement uniforms arrived before Lithuania's, the Americans opened an early 22-13 lead and created fast-break opportunities with their pressure defense. But Lithuania answered with three consecutive three-pointers — one of which became a four-point play — to take a 23-22 lead.

Tim Duncan stared at the referees in disbelief after his first foul — as he has after almost every call against him during the tournament. When he was whistled for another moments later on what appeared to be a good call, he stood along the lane with his back to the basket and the referee while a Lithuanian player took his two free throws.

Duncan stayed on the bench for the entire second quarter, which ended with the Americans ahead 49-44 after forcing 13 turnovers and making eight steals.

Lithuania started hitting three-pointers and opened a 65-58 lead in the third quarter before the United States came back with an 8-0 run. Duncan went to the bench with his fourth foul with 2:02 remaining in the third quarter and the score tied at 67, and the Americans led 83-82 when he returned with 6:08 left.

A pair of three-pointers by Marion and Odom came during a 9-3 run that put the U.S. up for good, and it held Lithuania to seven points in the final three minutes.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Sloppy handoff dooms U.S. men

Greene can't close gap as Britain takes gold with 400 relay upset

BY ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Maurice Greene took the baton and accelerated toward the finish. He quickly shook a Nigerian and started trailing in Britain's Mark Lewis-Francis.

But even the self-proclaimed greatest sprinter of all time could not make up for a sloppy handoff earlier in the race Saturday.

Track and field

The Americans were forced to settle for silver by an excruciating hundredth of a second.

Lewis-Francis crossed the finish line and turned to yell in

Greene's direction. The mighty men of U.S. sprinting, who had dominated these Olympics with five of the six medals in the 100 and 200, had lost the relay for only the fifth time in Olympic history.

One night earlier, a bad handoff from Marion Jones to 100 silver medalist Lauryn Williams knocked the heavily favored U.S. women out of their 400 relay. With the men's second-place finish, this is the first non-boycotted Olympics in which Americans failed to win gold in at least one of the 400 relays.

In Saturday's race, a sloppy baton pass from 100-meter winner Justin Gatlin to Robby Miller in the middle of the race left Greene too much ground to make up.

"Because of the crowd noise I couldn't hear Gatlin call 'stick,'" Miller said. "So I slowed down, because if I had run out of my pass zone we wouldn't have won a medal at all."

Earlier Saturday night, Hicham El Guerrouj became the first man in 80 years to win the 1,500 and 5,000 meters in one Olympics, holding up two fingers in triumph after outstripping the world record holder down the final straightaway of the 5,000.

El Guerrouj, who won the 1,500 on Tuesday, was the second runner within a half-hour to pull off a rare middle-distance double. Briton Kelly Holmes won the 1,500 just before El Guerrouj's race, adding to the 800 title she won on Monday.

Despite victories in the men's and women's 1,600-meter relays, it was another disappointing night on the track for an Ameri-



The United States' Amy Acuff clears the bar during the women's high jump final at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Saturday. Acuff finished fourth in the event.

can team that came to Athens expecting a sweep of the four relays.

Instead, they took gold in both 1,600-meter relays.

Breaux Greer, who had hoped to become the first American to win the javelin since Cyrus Young in 1952, finished last of the 12th finalists with a best throw of 243 feet, 11 inches — nearly 43 feet off his personal best. Greer was competing despite a torn knee ligament that required him to wear a plastic brace on his right leg.

The U.S. team ended up with 24 track and field medals, the most since 30 in 1992. The men had 18 of those — also the best showing by Americans since 1992 — but the women's six medals were the fewest since 1996.

In the men's relay, Greene took the baton in second place. With a burst of speed in the final 30 meters, he made up some of the gap behind Lewis-Francis — but just failed to catch him.

The British won in 38.07 seconds, and the Americans won silver in 38.08 — after saying for days they would smash the world record of 37.40. Nigeria took bronze.

The United States has won the men's relay 15 of the 20 times it has been run, not including the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games. But the Americans have failed to win the relay in three of the last five Olympics.

El Guerrouj, a Moroccan, passed

Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia with about 50 meters left and finished in 13 minutes, 14.39 seconds, smiling and extending his arms in triumph as he crossed the finish line. He kissed his hands and his right knee before touching his head to the track in prayer.

Then he took off his new shoes and ran a victory lap in bare but bandaged feet. He had worn shoes that were too small during qualifying.

Bekele, who was trying to become the first man in 24 years to win the 5,000 and 10,000 in an Olympics, finished second in 13:14.59. Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya, who led until the final lap, won bronze in 13:15.10.

The only other man to win the 1,500 and 5,000 in an Olympics was Paavo Nurmi in 1924.

Holmes broke free of the pack in the final 100 meters to capture gold in the 1,500 in 3:57.90. The 34-year-old former army sergeant became the third woman in Olympic history to win both events in one games, joining Svetlana Masterkova in 1996 and Tatyana Kazankina in 1976.

Other winners Saturday, the last night of track and field action at Olympic Stadium, included a pair of Russians. Yuriy Borzakovskiy rallied from fourth place on the final straightaway to win the men's 800 meters and Yelena Slesarenko set an Olympic record of 6 feet, 9 inches to win gold in the women's high jump.

Ward is last U.S. boxer left standing

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Andre Ward refused to look at the thousands of Greek fans jeering his latest victory. During his walk from the ring to the dressing room, the light heavyweight kept his eyes trained on his small band of friends and family in one corner of the stands.

Ward pointed at his crew, then flexed his biceps. The United States' only remaining gold medal hope is focused on the one more victory that will make all the abuse worthwhile.

Ward beat Uzbekistan's Utkirbek Haydarov 17-15 Friday night, becoming the final American with a chance at gold in the team's worst Olympic showing in 56 years.

The Oakland, Calif., native will meet Belarus' Magomed Arifgadiev on Sunday for a chance to win the USA's first gold in his weight class since Andrew Maynard in Seoul in 1988.

"It would mean everything to me," Ward said. "That's what I've been training for all my life. I really believe deep down inside I'm going to get this gold medal, and that's not being boastful."

Earlier, American middleweight Andre Dirrell was beaten 23-18 by world champion Gennadiy Golovkin of Kazakhstan. Dirrell will head home to Flint, Mich., with a bronze — but Ward earned one more fight the hard way.

The fight lasted a bout in six years, but that streak was in peril for much of his four-round show-a-thon against Haydarov, who cleverly neutralized Ward's hand speed by crowding the American and throwing wild blows. Haydarov led for much of the bout, and Ward only triumphed with a series of late punches, scoring two points in the final 17 seconds.

The defeat hurt Ward's confidence, and the announcement of the verdict drew more catcalls.

"I like it. It motivates me," he said. "I feel like they're not showing my country much respect, and I take that personally. They're also not showing me any respect, and I take that personally, too."

On Saturday, Gaydarbek Gaydarbekov of Russia won the middleweight gold medal, beating Golovkin 28-18. Other gold-medal winners Saturday included Yuriy Borzakovskiy of Russia, Yuriy Borzakovskiy rallied from fourth place on the final straightaway to win the men's 800 meters and Yelena Slesarenko set an Olympic record of 6 feet, 9 inches to win gold in the women's high jump.

Demonstrations prompt Powell to cancel Athens visit

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell cancelled his trip to Greece to the last minute partly because of concern his presence — expected to be met with anti-war protests — might have disrupted the closing ceremony at the Olympics. State Department officials said Saturday.

Powell's decision, announced just hours before he was to depart, came after anti-American protests in Athens on Friday that featured "Powell Go Home" placards.

The secretary was not concerned about his own security but felt Greek organizers were enti-

pled to carry out the Sunday night ceremony without the potential for distraction that his presence might have caused, said two State Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Many Greeks had wondered why Powell planned to visit this weekend, knowing his presence would likely provoke protests. Until Powell announced his visit, there had been no official American demonstrations that were feared in the run-up to the Games.

He discussed the situation on Friday with Greek Foreign Minister Petros Molivatiadis. Powell said he hopes to travel to Athens in October.

Olympic briefs

Friday's protest was directed largely against U.S. policies in Iraq, Greece, along with about 10 other members of NATO, is not a part of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.

Riot police used tear gas to disperse hundreds of demonstrators protesting Powell's planned visit.

Hungarian weightlifter stripped of silver medal

ATHENS, Greece — Hungarian weightlifter Ferenc Gyurkovics was stripped of his silver

medal and kicked out of the Olympics on Saturday for using steroids. Puerto Rican wrestler Mabel Fonseca was also expelled for a positive drug test.

Gyurkovics used oxandrolone, the International Olympic Committee said. He competed in the 105-kilogram (231-pound) class and set an Olympic record by lifting 195 kilograms (429 pounds) in the snatch on Tuesday, but finished second to Dmitri Berestov of Russia in the overall totals.

The IOC announcement extends to 22 the record number of athletes banned for doping in Athens. The previous record was 12 at the Los Angeles Olympics. Five

medals have been revoked — two golds, two bronzes and one silver. Gyurkovics is the fourth Hungarian kicked out, and the 12th weightlifter.

Taekwondo athlete released from hospital

ATHENS, Greece — An athlete from the Central African Republic was released from the hospital Saturday, one day after he was briefly being knocked unconscious in an Olympic taekwondo bout.

Liango was released from Kat hospital in Athens on Saturday afternoon, the Greek health ministry said. He sustained a concussion.

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Sanderson wraps up gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Cael Sanderson has fulfilled all of his promise, met all of the expectations. The best wrestler in U.S. college history is now the best in the world, too.

A winner since first pulling on a singlet for his father-coach in Heber City, Utah, Sanderson beat South Korea's Moon Eui-jae 3-1 Saturday in the Olympic 185-pound freestyle finals to cap his unequalled career.

Four-time high school champion, Four-time NCAA champion at Iowa State. Now the world champion. Sanderson has long been held to a higher standard than any other active U.S. wrestler, and he has never disappointed.

He wasn't about to disappoint now, either, not in the biggest match of his life on the world's biggest stage. He came through, just as he always has, with no surprising American fanfare, Stephen Abas and Jamill Kelly, both of his gold-medal matches.

Down 1-0 early in the second period after Moon jumped to a clinch, Sanderson became more aggressive and rolled Moon for a two-point back exposure, then tripping him with a single-leg high finish in the final minutes for his final point. He had to rally in two of his final three Olympics matches.

"I didn't wrestle perfect, I made mistakes and gave up some points," Sanderson said. "But I was able to come back and win."

He won't be always. Just a day to the gold-medal match, Sanderson beat Cuba's Yael Romero — a wrestler he has never beaten — 3-2 in the semifinals earlier in the day. Then Moon upset Russia's Sazhid Sazhidov, who had narrowly beaten Sanderson in last year's world finals.

"You can say all you want about talent, but the reason Cael Sanderson is an Olympic champion is he has the heart of a champion," said Iowa State coach Bobby Douglas, who was in Sanderson's corner. "His college career was great, but that can't compare to this. This was the greatest moment of his life."

TaeKwondo

Men's 80kg: American Steven Lopez had to overcome a hostile crowd and Batri Tarkitulu of Turkey to win a gold medal, the second of his U.S. Olympic career.

Lopez backed Tarkitulu into a corner and kicked him in the gut to take the lead for good in the second of three rounds in the final. He won by 10-0.

The Sugar Land, Texas, native also won gold in the 2000 Olympics in the 150-pound (68 kg) division. He has since moved up in weight classes and had no trouble making the adjustment, winning the 2003 world championship and rolling through the competition at the Athens Games.

Yossef Karami of Iran took the bronze.

Women's 67-kilogram: Luo



American Steven Lopez, top, competes against Iraq's Raid Rasheed in the under 80kg quarterfinal taekwondo match Saturday. Lopez defeated Rasheed and went on to win the gold medal.

Wei of China beat Elisavet Mystakidou of Greece, disappointing the raucous home crowd. Hwang Kyung-sun of South Korea took the bronze.

Soccer

Men: Argentina won its first Olympic gold medal in the sport, beating Paraguay 1-0 on Carlos Tevez's eighth goal of the tournament.

Despite the loss, Paraguay captured its first medal in any sport. In a game the Argentines controlled from the beginning, Mauro Rosales helped set up the winning goal in the 18th minute with a cross from the right side. Tevez ran between Paraguay defenders Julio Manzur and Carlos Gamarra and shot the ball into the net from about 20 feet out.

Canoe-Kayak

Women's 500m kayak singles: Dublin's Birgit Fischer settled for silver, leaving the 42-year-old Olympic with two medals in two days. The two-woman crew from Hungary overtook Fischer and her German partner in the second half, ending her quest for a ninth gold medal. Natasha Janics and Katalin Kovacs won the gold. Poland got the bronze.

Women's 500 kayak singles: Janics beat Josefa Idem of Italy, who finished second, and Caroline Brunet of Canada, who finished third.

Men's 500m canoe: Germany's Andreas Dittmer beat Spaniard David Cal by .34 seconds to win the 500-meter canoe event, while Russia's Maxim Alepov took bronze.

Men's kayak singles 500m: Canadian silver kayaker Adam Koerber took his second medal

of the game — this one a gold. He beat Australia's Nathan Bogleby by .55 seconds, with Britain's Ian Wynne taking bronze.

Pairs 500 kayak: Germany's Ronald Raue and Tim Wieskottner won handily. Australia ended up with the silver, .07 seconds ahead of Belarus.

Cycling

Men's mountain bike: Julien Absalon, whose focus had been on Athens since failing to make France's Olympic team four years ago, pulled away in the second half of the mountain bike race and eased to victory in 2 hours, 15 minutes, 2 seconds. Jose Antonio Heredia of Spain finished second, exactly a minute behind Absalon. Bart Brentjens of the Netherlands took the bronze.

Sailing

Tornado class: Roman Hagara and Hans Peter Steinacher of Austria won the gold medal. John Lovell and Charlie Ogeltree of the United States won the silver. Spain's Tornado Lange and Carlos Espinola of Argentina got the bronze.

Star class: Ross MacDonald and Mike Wiles of Canada won the silver medal while Xavier Rohat and Pascal Rambaud of France got the bronze. Torben Grael and Marcelo Ferreira of Brazil clinched the gold on Thursday with one race remaining.

Diving

Men's 10-meter platform: Hu Jia of China won the gold medal Saturday in 10-meter platform diving with a score of 748.08.

Mathew Helin of Australia won the silver with 730.56. Tian Liang of China got the bronze with 729.66.

Olympics scoreboard

Saturday's scores

BASKETBALL

Men

Seventh Place

Spain 92, China 76

Fifth Place

Greece 85, Puerto Rico 75

Women

Russia 71, Brazil 62

Gold Medal

United States 74, Australia 63

SOCCER

Men

Gold Medal

Argentina 1, Paraguay 0

Men

Seventh Place

Spain 31, South Korea 24

Women

Classification

Spain 27, China 23

Bronze Medal

Ukraine 21, France 19

VOLLEYBALL

Women

Cuba 3, Brazil 1 (25-22, 25-22, 14-15, 25-17)

Sailing

Tornado

Final ranking

1. Austria (Roman Hagara; Hans Peter Steinacher) (1, 3, 8, 1, 14, 4, 1, 2, 5, 1), 34.0

2. United States (John Lovell, Charlie Ogeltree, Houston) (2, 1, 6, 9, 9, 6, 7, 1, 2, 10), 40.0

3. Argentina (Santiago Lange; Carlos Espinola) (7, 4, 5, 6, 1, 1, 8, 4, 9), 54.0

4. France (Olivier Bache; Laurent Voiron) (4, 12, 1, 2, 4, 1, 1, 5, 8, 9), 57.0

5. Netherlands (Mitch Booth; Herbert Dercksen) (11, 5, 4, 3, 1, 10, 7, 1, 6, 7), 61.0

6. Australia (Darren Bundock; John Forbes) (7, 12, 11, 1, 2, 2, 4, 12, 1), 62.0

7. Puerto Rico (Enrique Figueroa; Jorge Hernandez) (5, 9, 7, 8, 2, 5, 9, 12, 14, 10, 5), 72.0

8. Spain (Fernando Echazarra; Artur Paz) (1, 4, 13, 8, 8, 16, 6, 2, 6, 7, 13, 12), 74.8

9. Russia (Alexander Medvedev; Yury Ishkov) (15, 13, 5, 10, 3, 1, 7, 11, 3), 81.0

10. Brazil (Francisco Manoel Edsondo B. Anchi) (8, 6, 3, 7, 11, 16, 10, 2, 8, 9, 6), 78.0

Men's Star

Final ranking

1. Brazil (Torben Grael; Marcelo Ferreira) (5, 4, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1), 12.0

2. Canada (Ross MacDonald; Mike Wiles) (7, 11, 4, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), 14.2

3. France (Xavier Rohat; Pascal Rambaud) (3, 9, 5, 15, 7, 1, 1, 1, 1), 12.3

4. Switzerland (Flavio Marazzi; Enrico de Maria) (10, 1, 1, 7, 9, 5, 12, 1, 1), 9.0

5. United States (Paul Cayard; Kenfield, Scott) (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), 9.0

6. Britain (Paul Trimmer; Louisa) (6, 1, 5, 10, 1, 6, 1, 1), 7.5

7. Britain (Peter Strev; Steve Mitchell) (8, 13, 12, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), 7.0

8. Italy (Francesco Bruni; Guido Vignar) (1, 13, 12, 8, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1), 7.0

9. Denmark (Peter Bromby; Leif White) (17, 16, 11, 12, 8, 6, 4, 1, 1), 11.0

10. Bermuda (Nicholas Hume; Claus Olsen) (4, 12, 2, 1, 5, 7, 17, 16, 10, 10), 83.0

11. Spain (Roberto Bermudez; Pablo Arriarte) (2, 13, 5, 6, 17, 8, 13, 1, 12, 15, 5), 85.0

Canoe-Kayak

Men

Kayak Singles 500

1. Adam van Koeverden, Canada, 1:37.919

2. Nathan Bagley, Australia, 1:38.467

3. John Wynne, Ireland, 1:38.547

4. Erik Vermeulen, Norway, 1:38.667

5. Gernert, Germany, 1:39.215

Canoe Singles 500

1. Andreas Dittmer, Germany, 1:46.383

2. David Cal, Spain, 1:46.745

3. Maxim Alepov, Russia, 1:47.767

4. Jiri Hladik, Czech Republic, 1:47.993

Kayak Doubles 500

1. Germany (Ronald Raue; Tim Wieskottner), 1:27.520

2. Australia (Clinton Robinson; Nathan Bagley), 1:27.520

3. Poland (Marcin Piatushinski; Vadzim Makynski), 1:27.996

4. Poland (Maciej Twardowski; Adam Wyszynski), 1:28.048

Star class

1. Germany (Ross MacDonald; Mike Wiles), 1:28.048

2. Canada (Ross MacDonald; Mike Wiles), 1:28.048

3. China (Hu Jia; Liang Tian), 1:28.048

4. Australia (Torben Grael; Marcelo Ferreira), 1:28.048

5. Brazil (Francisco Manoel Edsondo B. Anchi), 1:28.048

6. Argentina (Santiago Lange; Carlos Espinola), 1:28.048

7. France (Xavier Rohat; Pascal Rambaud), 1:28.048

8. Puerto Rico (Enrique Figueroa; Jorge Hernandez), 1:28.048

9. Russia (Alexander Medvedev; Yury Ishkov), 1:28.048

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SPORTS



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Solid half-court game

U.S. women win gold for 3rd straight Olympics

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Dawn Staley dribbled out the clock, turned and before she knew what hit her, was raised off her feet by Diana Taurasi.

The most dominant team in women's basketball had lifted itself again.

Staley and her U.S. teammates shook off early shooting woes and sloppy play to claim their third straight Olympic gold medal Saturday, a 74-63 victory over Australia that was ugly but immensely satisfying for the Americans.

They did it by turning up the defense, crashing the boards harder in the second half and, most important, finding their shooting touch — something the U.S. men's team failed to do.

So while that team of wealthy NBA stars prepared to play Lithuania in the bronze medal game, the women who will bring home a basketball gold celebrated with the unbridled joy of children at recess.

They gathered at center court and draped a huge American flag over their heads. They skipped around the court, smiling, waving and soaking up the adulation.

They played as a team through these Games, willingly sharing the ball and not worrying about playing time or stats, and they celebrated the same way.

U.S. men, take note.

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United States forward Sheryl Swoopes, right, drives past Australia's Trish Fallon in the first quarter of their gold medal game at the Olympic Indoor Hall in Athens, Greece, on Saturday. The U.S. ran its Olympic winning streak to 25 games and three gold medals with a 74-63 victory over Australia.

U.S. men end nightmarish Games with bronze medal

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The U.S. men's basketball team can console itself with two things: third place and the highest point total of the Olympic tournament.

The Americans took the bronze-medal game seriously Saturday night and earned some revenge in a 104-96 victory over Lithuania.

But that wasn't what they came to Athens for.

Defeating one of three teams that beat them earlier in the tournament, the Americans got 22 points from Shawn Marion, 15 from Allen Iverson and 14 apiece from Lamar Odom and Stephon Marbury.

Just like their quarterfinal victory over Spain, the key factor was outside shooting. After missing all five of their three-point attempts in the first half, the Americans made eight in the second half. Four came in a fourth quarter that the U.S. team closed by scoring 21 of the final 35 points.

The 104 points was the most by any team in the men's tournament, topping the 102 the U.S. team had against Spain two nights earlier.

The start of the game was delayed 48 minutes after both teams arrived wearing white uniforms. It also included a second half that started with no coaches on the American bench, Larry Brown emerging from the tunnel 50 seconds after play had started, his assistants beating him out by only 30 seconds.

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American Sanderson wins gold in 185-pound freestyle wrestling

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Medal count

Leaders after 283 of 284 medal events in the 2004 Olympics through Saturday, Aug. 28.

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	34	38	20	100
Russia	23	26	35	84
China	31	17	14	62
Australia	17	16	16	49
Germany	14	15	18	47
Japan	15	10	11	36
France	11	8	12	31
Italy	9	9	11	29
Britain	9	8	12	29
South Korea	8	11	9	28

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